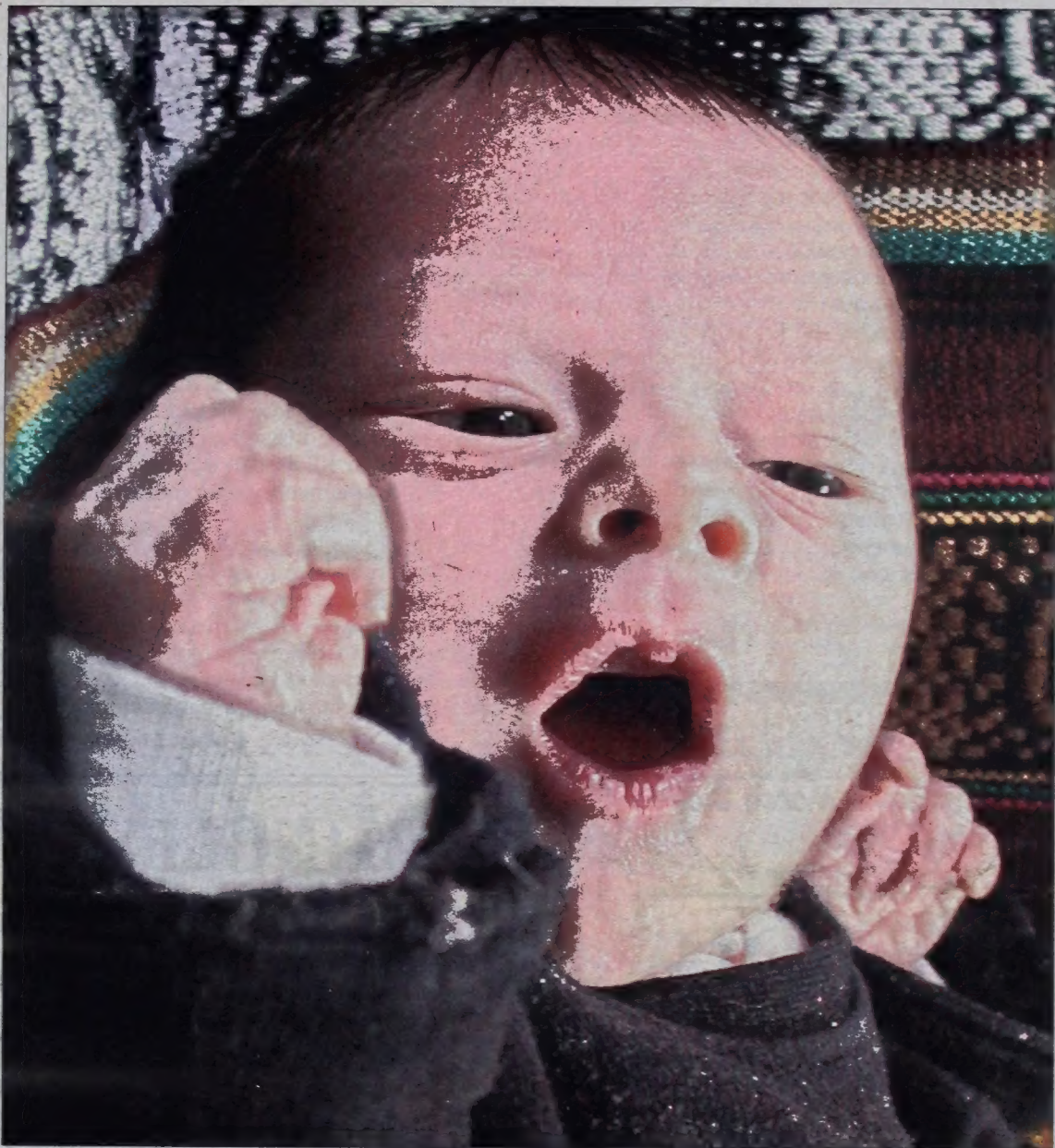


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New Year's baby is here!

Joscha Krauss travelled all the way from Germany to be Haliburton Hospital's first baby of 2002

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

How do you say "push" in German?

The thought might have crossed Dr. Norm Bottum's mind as he helped with the delivery of Haliburton Hospital's New Year's Baby on February 20.

But he needn't have worried.

"He didn't have to say anything because it was so fast," says Andrea Lang, the mother of Joscha Krauss, the first baby born at the hospital in 2002.

Andrea and her husband Stefan Krauss are visiting relatives in the Highlands. They are from a town near Stuttgart, Germany and, while they

speak a little English, Dr. Bottum knew even less German.

Lang is one of those very lucky women who have easy deliveries. Her first two children, a two-year-old boy and one-year-old girl, arrived speedily and it was Joscha who was the slow poke.

The couple arrived at the hospital at four in the afternoon, she had the baby at 7:15 and all three of them went home two hours later.

Joscha weighed in at 3.2 kg and he'll soon be making his first trans-Atlantic flight. The family is heading back to Germany in a couple of weeks.

And, by the way, when a woman is in the final stages of labour in Germany, the doctor can be heard to say "pressen, pressen ..."

Smoking by-law reviews mixed

CATHY OLLIFFE

Staff Reporter

Some people are adamantly opposed to the idea of a tobacco by-law in the Haliburton Highlands. Some people want it to happen. Some could care less.

Different people run restaurants in the Haliburton area so it's really no surprise that their opinions on smoking by-laws are also different.

While there is currently no proposal on the books regarding smoking in the Highlands, there is a movement among health professionals and members of the public to initiate the process of creating a by-law to ban smoking in public places. It has happened in many other municipalities in the province and already the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge Health Unit (HKPR) has hosted a seminar to discuss the topic. Haliburton County Warden Eleanor Harrison was at that seminar and she said she would like to bring the subject to the county council table for discussion.

In the meantime, people are already deciding how they feel about the issue.

Janet Tice is the owner of the Kozy Korner Restaurant on Haliburton's main street, which has a smoking section, a non-smoking section and "smoke-eater" equipment to help clean the air.

"I don't think it's a good idea and I'm a non-smoker," she said. "They [smokers] have just as many rights as we do."

Across the busy intersection from the Kozy is the Duke of Dysart owned by Bill Ryan. He definitely doesn't want any smoking legislation in Haliburton.

"We're starving on the vine now. I would have to close up because the people who come here, who keep me alive in the winter, smoke," he said.

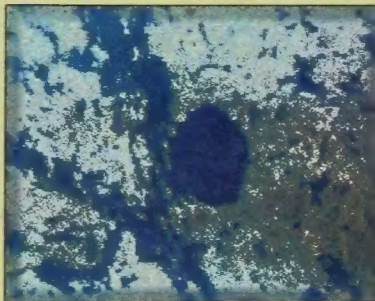
A non-smoker himself, Ryan says he has to look at the issue "from a business point of view." He'd like to build a non-smoking room some day to keep smokers and non-smokers coming to his



Eric Brohm's restaurant is already non-smoking.

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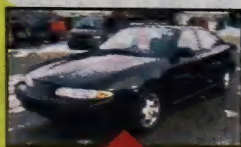
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Astronomer Tom Kovacs disagrees with a geologist's theory about the formation of Halls Lake. Was it a meteorite? See Kovacs' argument on page 9.



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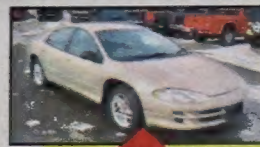
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A funny thing happened on the bus ride from work...

MARY PERKINS WAS SITTING on the Leaside bus on her way home from work at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children when she noticed that the gentleman sitting across from her was reading the *Haliburton County Echo*. She leaned over to ask if it indeed was the *Echo*. At first he glared at her for breaking the "you do not talk to strangers on the TTC" code of silence, but when she mentioned that she was the sister of *The Echo's* editor, the mood changed considerably. Soon they were having such an animated conversation about Haliburton and *The Echo* that two more people with cottages in the Highlands joined in. Suddenly, the bus took on the atmosphere of a small town, with people actually talking to one another. (Haliburton does that to people.) "By the time I got off at my stop," Mary writes in an e-mail to her sister, "everyone was waving me goodbye, wishing me well, and the bus driver would not open the door to let me out until I explained what all the fuss was about!"

Last week, siblings Larissa and Bryn Gray were in New York City as part of the build up World Youth Day in Toronto this summer. They were with the group accompanying the huge cross that is making its way around the world from the site of the last World Youth Day in Rome to its eventual destination of Toronto (in much the same spirit as the Olympic flame travelling from one host site to another.) In New York, they joined a solemn and moving service at Ground Zero. Larissa is director of programming of the Toronto World Youth Day, a gathering of a million young Catholics held every two years. The Pope is expected to join the

Toronto celebrations. Meanwhile, the cross will be in Minden on March 11. Details are being finalized about its route. You can call the local Catholic churches or Julie Gray at 457-1011 or 286-2497 for more information as it becomes available.

here, there & everywhere

news and events worth noting

Many people from the Highlands were at the funeral of Kevin Bailey, a 34-year-old Mississauga firefighter who was killed in an ice-climbing accident. He was engaged to Patty Hiebert, a local resident who is very much involved with Lakeside Baptist Church and its youth. A printed celebration of his life, it says "love, laughter, humour, compassion, spontaneity, adventure, godliness are just a few words that describe the life of Kevin Bailey. Those who have known Kevin for many years had the privilege of watching him grow from a fun-loving, sometimes frivolous youth into a sensitive, tender-loving, mature, solid man with a heart to love and serve his God, to grow in the knowledge of his Saviour, and a strong desire to serve and help others... A life too short by our standards, but always loved to the fullest with love, laughter and enthusiasm."

Mel Blanchard phoned to remind readers that the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie is expanding its treatment centre for cancer patients, some of whom are from the Highlands. He encourages people to support this endeavour to improve services.

In the recent newsletter for Moorelands Camp,

which gives Toronto's inner city kids a chance to enjoy the fabulous outdoors near Dorset, there's a suggestion of a neat way you can help. One mother says that when her son turned seven, instead of having the kids bring presents to his birthday party, they were asked to bring things that a child at camp might need - knapsacks, bug spray, sunscreen and socks. They ended up with 18 knapsacks stuffed with all kinds of camp gear. It's a great way to support Moorelands or a camp of your choice. To contact Moorelands call 416-466-9987 or visit www.moorelands.org

Renowned writer Alistair MacLeod will be next year's Ashley Fellow at Trent University in Peterborough. He'll give public lectures, reside on campus and participate in academic and college life. Those who wrote passionate submissions in favour of MacLeod's nomination remarked that as one of the major sensations on the Canadian and international literary scene, he would greatly enrich the academic and creative experience of Trent students. He is the author of *No Great Mischief* and *Islands*.

The Northern Ontario Institute of Technology and the Northern College in Kirkland Lake are celebrating anniversaries this summer and invite alumni to join in the fun on July 4 to 7. Please contact Northern College at 140 Government Road East, Kirkland Lake, Ont., P2N 3L8, 705-567-9291 or KL2002@northernnc.on.ca. You can also visit www.northerncollegereunion.ca for details.

Mark your calendars now for the Victoria County Historical Society's upcoming fall auction Saturday, September 28th. Funds are being raised to restore and renovate the County Jail at the corner of Victoria Avenue North and Colborne Street West in Lindsay. The jail, which will soon be owned by the Historical Society, will become the new Heritage Centre.



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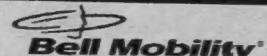
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Some businesses view no-smoking as an advantage

But others are strongly opposed to any possibility of a tobacco by-law in the Haliburton Highlands

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restaurant. For him, having choice is important: "I think it should be left up to the bar owners and the restaurant owners."

Down the street is The Highland Restaurant owned by Eric Brohm. When he opened it as he Highland last year, he started out with three tables where smoking was permitted.

That lasted about three weeks. "The air was blue in here," he said. "Just one person or two [smoking] wasn't bad but sometimes you'd get people who'd go through half a pack in one sitting, in an hour," Brohm said. And those people, most of whom came in the morning, weren't exactly adding to his business. Sometimes they'd order breakfast but mostly they'd just order a cup of bottomless coffee. Brohm said he'd make a little money on the first cup but by the time the cup was filled for the third time, he'd be losing money. "They just wanted a place to sit down and have a cigarette," he said.

"One morning I was opening and I just cracked the door open and all I could smell was smoke." He had spent a lot of time and money renovating the restaurant, including putting acoustic ceiling tiles in. "Once the smoke goes in those acoustic ceiling tiles, you have to throw them out," he said. Only three weeks of smoking, "and there goes all my renovating down the drain."

He decided right then and there to put up a no-smoking sign.

If he had last year to do over, he said he would have made a bigger deal out of making the restaurant non-smoking - put some ads in the paper and make a big production out of it because "most people are just delighted that it's non-smoking."

In the beginning he says lost some business from smokers but then he got new business from non-smokers. "Where we lost some, we gained some," he said. And there were smokers who came in to eat and then had their cigarette before they came in, or after their meals. "It was no big deal for them," Brohm said.

Since The Highland has established a non-smoking reputation, Brohm said business has actually improved. "Really, in the short term it was difficult but in the long run it will be an advantage."

He's happy the way things are now because he says his restaurant has an advantage over restaurants where smoking is allowed. If a tobacco by-law was created, all restaurants would be forced to be non-smoking and Brohm's "advantage" would suddenly be an even playing field.



Eric Brohm freshens up coffee for Lloyd and Priscilla Moore of Toronto while Harry Brohm polishes off a bowl of soup at The Highland, a non-smoking restaurant in Haliburton. Brohm considers his non-smoking policy a business advantage.

Brohm isn't the only businessman to embrace a non-smoking philosophy. At the Domain of Killien, a place where peace, quiet and nature are major attractions, smoking hasn't been allowed since 1994.

Innkeeper Jean-Edouard deMarenches said going the non-smoking route was a slow process. It started in 1980s because "non-smoking people were complaining about the smell." The dining room was the first area of the Domain to become non-smoking. Marenches started by making half the dining room non-smoking, "which was silly because it's a small dining room." By 1991 the entire dining room was non-smoking. By 1994, individual accommodations became non-smoking.

"I think there's still an ashtray out on the patio that's used in the summer," he said, and guests are allowed to smoke outside, but other than that, the Domain is smoke-free.

"We don't make a big deal about it," he said. "People know now."

Marenches doesn't think the no-smoking policy has hurt his business. "Not very much," he said. "It would be difficult to compute."

On the contrary, he believes his clientele appreciates the policy, and the fresh air. With fewer and fewer people smoking, he says not restricting smoking is "going against the tide."

If you own a hospitality business in the Highlands (or even if you don't and just have a strong opinion), the Echo would like to know how you feel about the possibility of a tobacco by-law here. Send your comments to The Haliburton County Echo, Box 360, Haliburton, Ont. K0M 1S0.

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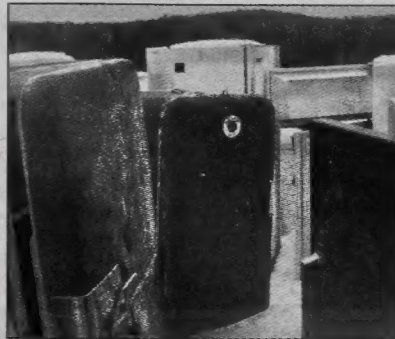
CATHY OLLIFFE

Staff Reporter

If you have something you want to give away, The Echo will give you a free classified ad to help you get rid of it.

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fees, the Lily Ann couldn't afford to pay them.

Still, there is a bulletin board at the Lily Ann where some people can post notices of giveaways because, as volunteer Ave Petch says, "We're interested in helping people."

The free Echo ads are an extension of the desire to help. They also prevent the warehousing of used furniture and appliances. If somebody who needs a couch reads it in the paper, they can go and see the couch for themselves - if they want it, great. They can take it. If not, then maybe the landfill is the place for it after all.

Even if only a few people are helped - and only a few couches are saved an ignoble ending at the dump - the free ads will have been well worth it.

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Goin' down the Line

Photographer Darren Lum painted a lonely picture of a Highlands East plow clearing the Essonville Line on a blustery day. This photo was taken facing the village of Wilberforce: at left is the Bank of Nova Scotia; in the foreground, at left, is the snowmobile trail crossing.

Haliburton BIA president ambivalent about possibility of a tobacco by-law

CATHY OLLIFFE

Staff Reporter

The president of the Haliburton Business Improvement Association (BIA) is ambivalent about the possibility of a smoking by-law in the Highlands.

Jim Henwood told The Echo, "I can't speak for restaurants and bars but from a personal point of view, I don't think it's necessary to smoke in a public place. Especially in light of the proof that secondhand smoke is dangerous."



Jim Henwood

His attitude contrasts with that of the Minden Business Association (MBA) which has already announced it is willing to fight any anti-smoking legislation. MBA President Dave Willis, a smoker who owns the Rockliffe Hotel, wrote a letter to Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney saying, "Our members feel strongly that it should be the owner's choice as to smoking policies selected for their businesses."

Henwood, who doesn't smoke but sells cigarettes at his main street store, Henwood's Variety, understands how hard it is for people to quit. "I see people coming in all the time and saying 'I wish I could quit.' The

addiction is as bad, or worse, than heroin."

He thinks some local people would find it hard to face not smoking in public places but he believes cottagers and tourists – many of whom live in places where smoking by-laws already exist – wouldn't be overly concerned about it. He concedes that having smoke-free restaurants and lodgings might even be a draw for many tourists.

"I think eventually people would get used to a by-law," he said. "We are a tourist area and a lot of the people who come up here are accustomed to not smoking in public places."

But he added, "I would hope there would be some leeway for the enforcement of the by-law."

Henwood appreciates the position of restaurant and bar owners worried about being the ones who have to enforce smoking by-laws. "As a seller of cigarettes, I know that having to act as an enforcer isn't easy." He is always having to ask for identification from minors who try to buy cigarettes. Most of the time, teenagers take defeat with fairly good grace. But there have been those who react with foul language. Those are "very definitely in the minority."

He does worry about businesses being hurt by a smoking by-law. "Seriously," he said, "I think this town would hurt."

If it does happen he wants meetings and plenty of communication so businesses are kept apprised of what

their responsibilities are and are given help in meeting them. "Not so much for a business like myself but definitely for the bars, restaurants and cafés. In general, people don't tend to smoke in stores."

Henwood doesn't smoke because of health reasons and "because I don't like the smell," but it doesn't bother him to sell cigarettes at his store. "It's a legal product," he said.

Before going into business for himself, Henwood worked in marketing for Shoppers Drug Mart. That was before the government forbade drug stores from selling cigarettes. "In the front of the store there would be cigarettes and in the back there'd be asthma puffers."

Recently the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge Health Unit hosted a tobacco by-law education day with guest speaker Michael Perley, director of the Ontario Campaign for Action on Tobacco.

Perley has been involved with creating tobacco by-laws all over the province and he has evidence that smoking by-laws do not hurt restaurants, bars or other businesses. He said U.S. and Canadian studies show no net negative economic impact from smoke-free policies. Some customers quit coming as new customers arrive. "It's a wash," Perley said.

He also said hospitality operators fighting smoking by-laws never produce independent accounting evidence of losses; rather they allege or predict future losses.

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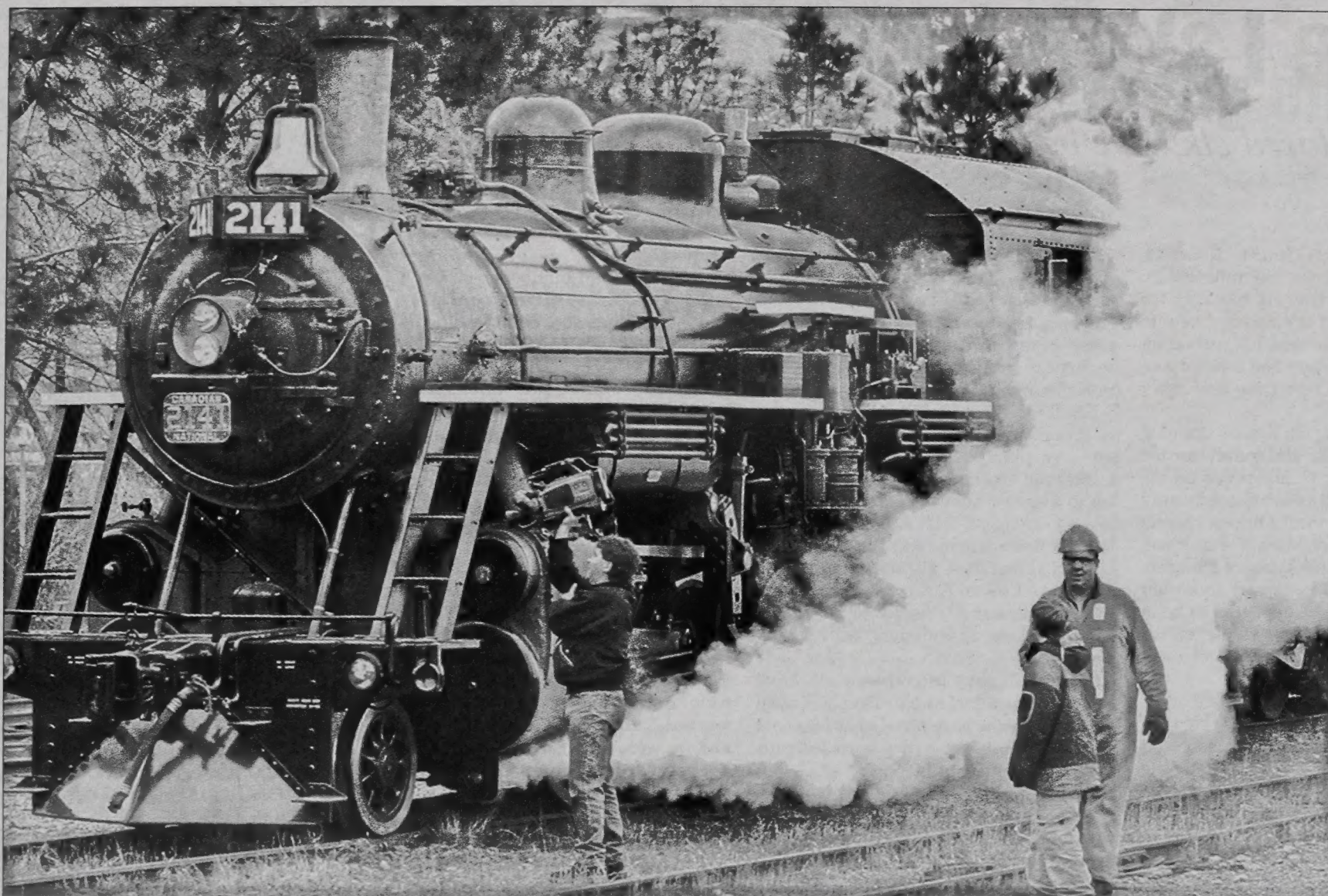
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Locomotive 2141 is mobile

CATHY OLLIFFE

Staff Reporter

Thanks, in part, to the generosity of Haliburton people, an old locomotive in Kamloops, B.C., is now ready to roll.

Shrill blasts from the steam whistle on a January morning signaled the culmination of eight years and thousands of hours of volunteer labour in the restoration of Locomotive 2141, the pet project of the Kamloops Heritage Railway Society. It was a historic moment when the big, black engine moved from the shop where it was rebuilt to a new temporary home beside a nearby park. It wasn't the first time the train moved since it was rebuilt, but it was one of the first, and it was an important milestone for the railway society.

The resurrection of the Kamloops train was made possible by the Haliburton Rotary Club's donation of something called the Hancock Inspirator, a part that helps regulate the amount of steam coming out of the boiler. People in Kamloops spent three years searching for an inspirator and finally found one in the train

in Haliburton. Rotarians discussed the situation with Dysart et al councillors and they finally decided to give the part up because it was highly unlikely that the Haliburton train would ever run again. The part was shipped out west last year.

So, when the restored 1912 engine rolled under Kamloops' Red Bridge, railway society members couldn't have been any happier.

"It is one of the defining moments," commented Howard Grieve in the Kamloops Daily News. Grieve is the operations manager for the society and he's the one who negotiated with Ted Brandon of the Haliburton Rotary Club.

Grieve says there'll be two tours this summer catering to the tourist industry. The short tour is designed for families; the longer one (80 km) will be for serious railway buffs.

The Echo would like to thank Joan Cameron for passing along the Kamloops Daily News article about the train, and the Kamloops Daily News for allowing us to use this photo of the train in operation.

Co-Motion comes to town in time for March Break

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Kick off your clunky shoes and let your spirit soar to unexpected heights.

For the second time this year the Heritage Ballet Studio will host Co-Motion, a modern dance work shop group led by Daniela Pagliaro, during the March break.

In October, Pagliaro, a long-time modern dancer and former resident of the Haliburton area, brought her modern dance work shop for a weekend to the Heritage Ballet studio.

Eighteen-year-old Heather Little, a local ballet/jazz dancer, is using the work shop to prepare for auditions to York and Ryerson University dance programs next month.

"I would be so prepared if I could take modern [dance] every week, but you can only take what you can get. [Pagliaro] is pretty good. I don't think we can have a better teacher come up here and teach," Little said.

She attended the first work shop and is anxious for the next one during the March break to improve upon the things she learned the first time. Despite what

some people think, Little said modern dance is more than just being a tree or a rock.

"They're so wrong. It is a perfect opportunity to express yourself. You can just totally go crazy. Maybe not everyone wants to go crazy, but I do ... You can just be you," Little said. "It's not about being a tree."

Classes of 10 will be organized into four stages during the five day program. First, foundation, the basic techniques of modern dance are taught. Second, vocabulary, where the moves are developed through improvisation and the individual's creativity. Third, story, the various steps and moves are combined to form the beginnings of a story. Fourth, performance, is the compilation of everything to provide a performance for friends and family.

The March 1 deadline has been extended. There are three age categories: seven to nine-years-old in the morning, 10 to 12-years-old, and 13 and older in the afternoon. Registration fees range from \$50 for the seven to nine-year-olds to \$65 for the other age groups which run a-half-hour longer. If there is enough interest an adult class may be arranged. For further details call Julie Barban 457-1990.

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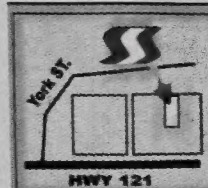
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STEVE GALEA

Special to The Echo

Some travelers on County Road 14, northwest of Eagle Lake, might have been surprised to find a cow elk blocking the road last Friday but it's nothing new to those familiar with the area. Elk are becoming a more frequent sight and topic of conversation around Eagle Lake and other areas of the County.

The traffic-stopping elk looked stunning in a white radio collar and trendy ear tag bearing the number 37. She posed on the road and remained nearby, seemingly unafraid of people, until Minden district MNR biologist Gerry Moraal and others drove her back into the safety of the bush. Though some were concerned about her health, Moraal said she appeared to be in good physical shape. He says the animal was probably drawn to the road because of road salt and edge vegetation.

The elk was part of a herd released at the Gin Lake introduction site by the Bancroft/North Hastings Elk Restoration Committee (BNHERC). The Gin Lake site is one of four across Ontario where elk are being reintroduced by the Ministry of Natural Resources and other partners in the Provincial Elk Restoration Advisory

Committee (PERAC). Currently, about 500 elk roam throughout central and northern Ontario thanks in large part to their efforts. PERAC hopes to reintroduce elk to its historic range in the province, from southern Ontario to Sudbury, and also from Atikokan to Kenora. Elk were largely extirpated in the province in the 1800s due to settlement, habitat degradation and uncontrolled hunting.

BNHERC Co-chairman John O'Donnell, who radio tracks the Bancroft elk regularly says cow number 37 has been all through Haliburton and was one of the first travelers to disperse from the original Gin Lake release site in 2000. He says she is one of four elk that are in the Eagle lake area now and noted that these elk also spent time in Paudash, Lower Faraday, Whispering Pines and near Wilberforce along the Essonville Line, all within the last year and a half.

O'Donnell says introduced elk have learned to use hydro corridors as travel routes and some have traveled as far south as Highway 401. A hydro corridor runs close to County Road 14.

Paul Hebert of West Guilford is one of several who have gotten used to local elk encounters. He says, "We think they've been around here for about the last 18

months." By here, he's referring to 2000 acres of private property owned by the Maple Hills Hunt Camp, of which he is a member.

Hebert, an avid outdoorsman, has been one of the lucky ones. He's heard elk bugle and even witnessed a bull breeding a cow during last hunting season. "All the encounters we've had have been awesome. But when some of our moose hunters heard them bugle on a frosty morning last October we just had to stop and enjoy it. I remember saying, 'Oh isn't that beautiful.'" Hebert says that everyone in his group that heard the haunting call (elk are one of North America's most vocal big game animals) considered it one of the high points of the hunt.

Hebert's hunt camp and others nearby encountered elk throughout the moose and deer season. Hebert said, "We were terrified that someone in our gang might make a mistake in the heat of the moment but, fortunately it didn't happen. Everyone was warned that we had elk in our hunt areas and we were extra careful." Elk hunting is not permitted in the province and fines for shooting elk can reach as high as \$25,000.

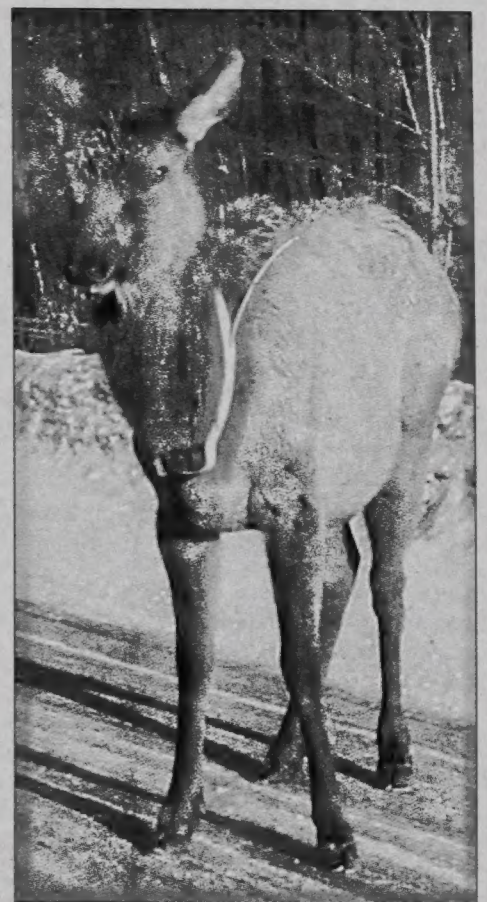
"We think they came to us from the Boughner Road area and, at first, there was some speculation that there were 2 cows and 2 calves," says Hebert. "Everyone was talking about them all summer the first year they were here. They were also spotted at the nearby County sand storage pit."

O'Donnell confirmed this saying that elk 37 had a calf in the Boughner Road area last June. He believes she's carrying another calf now.

Throughout the last year and a half Hebert has seen as many as four elk. He believes that the area provides excellent habitat. "Along the hydro corridor is the height of land and there are six areas nearby that were logged and are in different stages of growth. There are also some natural springs around."

One of his most memorable encounters was when he saw three elk standing below the crest of a hill about 100 feet away. "It was a misty rain and just the way the sun hit them was gorgeous". I thought, yes, that's what it's all about."

Elk are the second largest ungulate in North America, only moose are bigger. Cows average between 400 and 500 pounds and bulls stand about 5 feet at the shoulder and average about 700 pounds



This cow elk has spent much of the last 18 months in Haliburton County and gave birth, last June, to what must be the first elk born in Haliburton in a very long time. She stopped traffic along County Road 14 last week and drivers of that road are urged to proceed with caution. Photo by Gerry Moraal of the MNR.

with antlers that can spread up to 4 feet and weigh as much as 40 pounds. They breed in autumn with a gestation period of 8 and a half months. Calves are born from mid-May to July and weigh around 36 pounds at birth. Experts say they are an animal ideally suited to central Ontario and especially the Haliburton Highlands.

Both O'Donnell and Moraal want people to realize that elk, like the moose of highway 60, might be starting to spend time nearer roads now because of salt, vegetation and easy travel. Moraal says, "Drivers need to slow down if they are traveling County road 14 right about now. These animals are big and we know that they are in the area." O'Donnell adds, "we've been working on getting road signage similar to deer and moose crossing signs but it's turning out to be a bigger job than we anticipated."

O'Donnell asks those sighting elk to report to local MNR offices or the Bancroft/North Hastings Elk Restoration Committee at 613-332-4128

Salmonella found in birds

The Ministry of Natural Resources is advising people to use caution in handling birds and birdfeeders after receiving confirmation of salmonellosis in some wild birds in parts of Ontario.

The Canadian Co-operative Wildlife Health Centre at the University of Guelph has recently confirmed salmonellosis in bird specimens from the Grey-Bruce area. The disease has also been confirmed in wild birds in Guelph, London, Peterborough and Geraldton. Bird species affected so far are the common Redpoll, American goldfinch, pine grosbeak, house sparrow and pine siskin.

To prevent the spread of salmonellosis, people should:

- Wear rubber gloves if handling dead birds or cleaning feeders or bird baths.
- Disinfect bird feeders and bird baths using a 10 percent chlorine bleach solution and 90 percent water to minimize the spread to other wild birds; rinse with clear water and dry feeders before adding feed.
- Use a bucket to wash birdfeeders; do not use the kitchen sink.
- Use a scoop or wear gloves when handling feed or loading feeders.
- Always wash hands with warm soapy water following these activities.

Cats and dogs may get sick from eating birds that are dying or have died from salmonellosis. Pet owners should contact their veterinarians if they suspect their domestic animals have been affected by the disease.

The public is asked to report dead or sick bird sightings to their local Ministry of Natural Resources office or to the Canadian Co-operative Wildlife Health Centre. People with health questions should contact their local health unit.

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County of Haliburton council briefs

Logging operations praised by tree-cutting officer

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at February's meeting of county council.

In his first report of logging operations in the county, tree-cutting by-law enforcement officer Torben Michalsen gives praise to many of the logging operations ongoing in the Highlands.

For instance, he commends the work being done for Scouts Canada in Dudley Township. The property was marked by a certified marker and the logger has an understanding of silviculture and good logging practices. There's "hardly any damage to the residual stand" and "skid trails are nice and straight."

At a property in Cardiff, Michalsen said the "extremely qualified contractor" is doing a very good job in protecting an area of regeneration.

In forests which have been marked, he said the logging is generally well done.

In cases where loggers had not given the county the proper notice of intent to cut, Michalsen has had them fill out the required paperwork and overall, there is good co-operation. He notes that many loggers would benefit from some basic training in silviculture, for instance tree marking and use of a cruising prism. He's heard that certification of a loggers program may be forthcoming.

However, after a closed session of county council, councillors authorized Michalsen to pursue an investigation into a logging operation in Dysart with



Torben Michalsen

regards to the following concerns:

- no notice of intent was filed with the county
- reduction of basal area in the harvest area below 15 squared meters per hectare (contrary to the by-law)
- and trees cut below the allowed diameter limit.

If anyone has any questions or concerns about logging in the county, they can contact Michalsen at t.michalsen@county.haliburton.on.ca

Budget

The pressure will be on the county to



Gary King

spend more money this year, Warden Eleanor Harrison said.

"Be prepared," she said. "The budget process will really be exciting and we'll need to be aware of this county's needs" as council balances the competing need for fiscal restraints.

The county already knows it's facing a 10% increase because of last year's decision to debenture the \$1.5-million it will cost to get 911 off the ground. But if council tries to hold the line on other spending, there's a risk that the county will fall behind on several important initiatives.

Groundwater survey

The county's involvement in a groundwater survey of the entire Trent watershed is already paying dividends, CAO Gary King said.

The initiative, which is 80% funded by the Ministry of Environment, includes a study of the 11 well heads in Haliburton County. Two of those well heads are in Highlands East. If the municipality had had to pay for the study itself, it would have cost \$80,000, Reeve Keith Tallman said. The study will have separate terms of reference for Haliburton County since our geography is different than that in the rest of the watershed. The county is mainly bedrock, which means there aren't as many risks from run-off contamination.

Insurance

Because of the huge costs associated with the September 11 tragedy, insurance companies are dramatically increasing their rates across the board. For Haliburton County, this means a doubling of its insurance costs. Last year it had to pay \$63,000 for insurance. That cost rose to \$98,000 this year.

Connect Ontario

The county has agreed to partner with the Haliburton County Development Corporation to fund a contract co-ordinator for the local Connect Ontario project. This person would act as a champion for the county as it applies for funding to improve technological infrastructure.

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Paying tribute

In many ways, community newspapers are a celebration of life. We try to encapsulate some of the things that make the communities we serve what they are - the people, the events, the hopes and aspirations. But of course, there is also sadness in our communities every time someone dies. Each death is a tragedy to the person's friends and family; some deaths are felt acutely by the community as a whole, and sometimes we write about one of those deaths.

Last week, we had a story about the tragic death of Kevin Bunn, a young mechanic and firefighter from Irondale who was killed in a snowmobiling accident. In the story, we quoted a long-time family friend, George Simmons, who also gave the eulogy for the young father. In the phone

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calls that followed the obituary's publication, Simmons said many people commented on how good it was that the newspaper didn't only do stories about the loss of prominent citizens such as business people and politicians. They liked that the newspaper paid tribute to someone who was known for his good-natured disposition and willingness to help others. Simmons suggested that, as a way of enhancing our rural roots, The Echo should publish more of these types of stories.

He's right. People care about each other in a small town because they know one another and it also brings comfort to the family to see their loved one's life acknowledged. With the Kevin Bunn story, we also wanted to remind readers that Kevin's death was not just a news item; there was a real person behind the headlines of another snowmobile fatality.

At the same time, however, The Echo has always been a hesitant writer of obituaries. How does one decide when to write an obituary? Are some people more special or worthy than others? How would we find the time to do all the research ourselves? Besides, we have always preferred to do profiles of people when they're alive so they can appreciate any of the compliments that follow.

But as a community newspaper, we know that obituaries are important and we should have more of them. So while it's always been our policy to print obituaries (as opposed to death notices) for free when they're written by friends or family, consider this a more formal invitation. Please feel welcome to write your own obituaries about people in the community, or people who have ties with the community and no longer live here. An obituary should be about the person and what makes his or her loss more poignant. A death notice provides the fundamental information about a person's family and funeral arrangements; in an odd way, an obituary brings the person's death to life. It gives readers a better understanding of why the person is being mourned, and what we can learn about ourselves by contemplating the achievements of others. That achievement may be that he or she brought happiness to others - Kevin Bunn was, remarkably for a man his age, described as being a joyous person - or perhaps he or she contributed to the livelihood of the community. Just last week the community lost Cindy Henry, a second mother to hundreds of children whom she cared for in her home, providing a service that was invaluable to families and the community as a whole. Simply by being a warm and nurturing person, she touched the lives of others.

Across the county are other stories of other losses. Each life was special in its own way; each life deserves to be remembered. So don't forget, if you'd like to pay tribute to one of the special Highlanders in your life, we welcome your stories.



Morning sun

photo by Darren Lum/Echo

When cabin fever sets in

There comes a time in every outdoorsman's life when cabin fever creeps in. As dreaded outdoors maladies go, it's only second to buck fever, and, if a herd of deer were to run through your cabin while you were suffering from it, the results might be truly disastrous. One outdoorsman I know actually took up golf.

The symptoms of cabin fever are different for just about everyone and are almost imperceptible even to the most experienced eye. Medical experts say that a subtle change in behaviour generally marks its onset, though.

For instance, it's taken a while for my wife to recognize the nuance, but now she claims that when I start singing Ethel Merman show tunes while high-kicking alongside a chorus line of my favourite duck hunting decoys, all decked out in hand-sewn sequin dresses, mind you, I've probably spent a bit too much time inside. I'm not sure that I agree with her diagnosis, but for the sake of domestic harmony I usually take my duck costume outside for a short but vigorous southward migration.

Cabin fever, however, is not always so predictable or mundane. It might set in after about an hour of solid inside living or perhaps not affect me until spring. It depends largely on the size of my wife's chore list and whether or not she can hear me whimpering behind the couch.

Once cornered, though, the only surefire cure I know of is to spend time outdoors until the heat's died down, which only takes a few minutes in mid-winter, especially when all you are wearing is a sequined duck suit.

Still there's a lot to do before hypothermia takes over. Snowshoeing, ice fishing, cross-country skiing, archery, skeet shooting, rabbit hunting or even just building a simple igloo - trust me, all these things not on your wife's list and far easier to do outside.

Historians tell us that cabin fever is a fairly recent phenomenon. That's because until a late, real outdoorsmen prided themselves in sleeping by a fire beneath the open sky. Of course, with the great advancements in roof repair techniques, this is no longer necessary.

Cabin fever strikes in the oddest places too. Once, years ago I was caught out in a horrible winter blizzard complete with white outs and ankle high snow drifts. I know it doesn't sound like much, but I'm short. Fortunately, I knew of an ice hut nearby and even though visibility was practically non-existent, it got better when I used the old trapper's trick and opened my eyes.

Soon enough, I used my unerring sense of navigation to complete three concentric circles before colliding with the ice hut, which for some stupid reason had been recently painted white and had a new quarter moon carved on the door.

I stepped inside and sat out the storm in relative comfort. Inside, I noticed quite a renovation. The bench now seemed almost designed for sitting and the only fishing hole was enlarged and highlighted by a polished oval frame with flip down cover to prevent freeze up. There was even fancy writing paper on a roll, probably to make note of the ones that got away. I might have enjoyed the place more but after five minutes the wind's moaning began to sound like my wife reading one of her dreaded lists.

Soon cabin fever took hold. With no decoys in sight, things looked bleak. I began hearing voices, and not just the usual ones either. The whole incident culminated when I swear I saw a nervous, old fellow telling me to hurry up and quit singing show tunes in his outhouse. When you hallucinate like that, it's best to get outside quick. I'll tell you, I've been leery of ice huts and cabin fever ever since.

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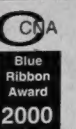
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A voice in the bush

AS SAM PUSHED THE DOOR OF HIS HOUSE open, the silence within was like a weight pressing back. Since his dog died last month, there have been no canine nails tapping across the floor, no excited whimpers, no two-dancing hind legs of a welcoming terrier. Instead, there were the cats. Silently, stealthily, they appeared as though by magic before he had made his way to the clothes closet, rubbing against his leg, jumping up on the table where he laid his mail. A scratch on the head resulted in purrs of happiness and requests for more rubbing, more touch. But they were quiet creatures, these cats. They maintained their dignity. Whereas his dog had made a total fool of himself upon Sam's arrival, day after day, for 10 years.

Sam missed him. He loved the cats well enough and couldn't imagine having no animals in the house, no company at all. Someday he'd get another dog but he wasn't ready yet. It was too soon.

For some people, living so far out of town with nothing but his pets and the bush all around would feel isolated, lonely. For Sam, it was a wonderful relief to not have to talk to anyone after talking all day at work. He could do what he wanted when he wanted, more or less, and there was always the option of inviting a friend over for dinner or



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to watch a movie. It didn't happen that often, by Sam's choice. He preferred his walks, his animals, his books by the fire. And of course, his CBC radio.

Where Sam lived, there was poor TV reception. He managed to find one snowy channel which he had little interest in watching anyway. But he loved listening to the CBC. He flicked it on after his morning shower and tuned in on his 30-minute drive to work. The weekends were his favourite time because he liked the radio programming. Every time he looked at his bedroom walls, Sam recalled the weekend he had spent in that room, painting over a ghastly pink while chuckling to an especially funny comedy show. Many's the time he had shaken or nodded his head in reaction to someone calling in to the phone-in show Sunday nights. He had nearly taken off more than one finger while answering back to comments by that show's emcee.

So tonight, after returning the cats' greetings and removing his outside clothes, Sam flicked on the radio as he passed through to the kitchen. Immediately, there was more life in the house. Another human voice spoke to him in a relaxed conversational way and Sam felt himself relaxing, forgetting about his old dog and the long weekend that stretched before him. He could go about his chores in the house and have both company and entertainment the whole time. One of his friends at work had asked why he didn't just leave on his television, it would do the same. It wasn't the same for Sam. He didn't want to hear commercials, for one. And to him, television was geared to be seen whereas the radio painted images with words. Sam preferred that. The only time he turned it off was when he wanted to read. Then, even music was a distraction.

One day, a terrible thing happened. Sam lost his CBC radio. He had turned it on as usual but what came out was crackly and faint. At first, Sam had thought this was the usual transition that happened every summer when the leaves appeared and seemed to get in the way of the radio signal. Sam would fiddle with the dial until he found another clear station and, aside from a bit of fading in and out on occasion, his reception was fine, though winter was always the best. But not this time. It was only after developing a headache that Sam had realized how loudly he had cranked up the sound, hoping to ignore the static and listen only to the voices and the music. So he had turned it off.

The silence had been terrible. It was the first time Sam had really felt alone, totally alone. Isolated. On his own. Determined not to feel sorry for himself, Sam had taken his suddenly restless self together with his old terrier dog, for a long walk. Then Sam had decided that, first thing Monday, he would buy himself a good, reliable radio on his lunch hour. He'd pay a little extra. It was worth it.

In the meantime, he had spent the rest of Sunday feeling like a fish out of water. Never before had his house seemed so large. He began to question his lifestyle, his priorities. Sam wondered if there was something wrong with him for living by himself. There was a vague restlessness that followed him everywhere. Thank goodness for the dog. Sam had found himself feeling better just seeing the dog, who wagged its tail in gratitude for the attention, the look. Sam had even said a few things to the dog, comments on the weather, an observation about something needing fixing in the basement. The dog had wagged its tail some more.

Monday couldn't have come soon enough for Sam. He had rushed home, almost afraid to plug in the new radio. What if it didn't work either? What if the transmitter was down, or whatever happens to transmitters? But it had been OK. Clear as a bell, once he had adjusted the antenna.

Sam remembered all this as he listened to the six o'clock news and his supper cooked in the oven. Maybe, he thought, it was time after all to get a dog. If the radio ever went on him again, he'd need all the support he could get.



Pic of the Past

Ever driven around the big curve on Head Lake and wondered what the Sir Sandford Fleming College building used to be? Back in the 1950s it was known as Lakeview School. Here's the class of 1953-54 from that school. Recognize any familiar faces?

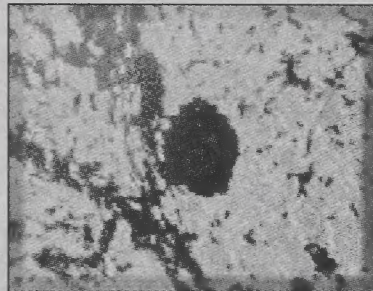
letters to the editor

Letter writer disputes Halls Lake theory

To the Editor:

This is in response to last week's article describing geologist John Etches conclusion that Halls Lake is the result of geological activity and not an impact event. Although he is certainly correct in saying nothing is 100%, I think I may be able to return the meteorite to the disappointed residents of Halls Lake! Now, many of you may already be thinking that "astronomers see craters, geologists see fault lines" (or in this case, etches - so now we really know Etches is biased!), but I have some very intriguing information that may forever tip the scales to a lake formation event of astronomical origins.

Many people have assumed that, since glaciers have repeatedly scrubbed this region of Canada, meteor craters don't stand a chance of surviving 'long. But just the opposite is true - in the entire world's collection of about only 115 craters, 28, or an incredible 25% of them, exist on Canadian Shield lands! In geological speak, such a region is known as a craton - a stable area of the planet which is never touched by crater-erasing volcanic activity, earthquakes etc. It is in such cratons almost all meteor craters are preserved, and not in concentrations found around here due to glacial activity. So it seems that glaciers may have contributed to their survival. Also, glaciers would have long ago wiped out many of the tell-tale signs of impact at Halls Lake:



Deep Bay crater in Saskatchewan. Rim diameter is 8 km wide. Age is 100+50 million years. Kovacs says "this one is close to being Halls Lake's sister."

a rim, an ejecta blanket, rays and more. Mr. Etches indicated that their absence seems to speak of a non-astronomical origin, but this is not the case - it would be astonishing if these signs did exist. Also, in the article it is claimed that the meteor came along "thousands" of years ago; if this were the case, Haliburton County would still be closed and Halls Lake would properly be called Meteor Lake - it would still be smoking! (And additional evidence such as fragments of rock subjected to shock metamorphism could be picked up off the ground from dozens of kilometres away). The actual age must be in the millions of years, more in keeping with sister craters.

Another telling round of points is the unusual depth of the lake (around 300 meters) with no known central peak. This is in keeping with known craters (and there are many thousands - don't forget the Moon) in that Halls

Lake could be described as what is called a simple crater (no central peak). Simple Craters have an average diameter-depth ratio of 9:1, or, if 300 meters deep it should have a diameter of about 2,700 meters - which clearly describes Halls Lake.

Now I pull out the calculator to find if our projectile mass fits the picture (I'll spare you the math). If, as given in the article, the projectile speed was 11 kilometres per second (40,000 km/h) the object (I am assuming rock, not iron to help explain what may be a lack of rare siderophile elements - iridium, platinum etc.) had to of been around 350 meters in size. An object this massive along with the relatively low entry speed would have made a fairly small explosion (but still equal to 1/10 the world nuclear arsenal) resulting in a large central peak, or complex crater. This speed/mass scenario then does not work and, besides, in consideration of orbital dynamics in our region of space it is all but impossible for an object to travel this slowly. Which is good for Halls Lake!

What we need for more proof is a small, fast object - but which does not exceed the Solar Systems' speed limit (about 76 kilometres per second). Doing the math, we find that an object 90 meters wide travelling 65 kilometres per second (234,000 km/h) will make a Halls Lake dimensioned crater while also

See **Halls Lake** page 12

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur





The Irrepressible Courtney

Feature and photos
by MARTHA PERKINS

WHEN THE ECHO REPORTER walks into Christine Bailey's Grade 2 class at Stuart Baker Elementary School, Courtney McLaughlin's face lights up with a full wattage smile.

Courtney knows that today she's special, today she's the one who's going to be photographed for the newspaper. And she's absolutely thrilled about it.

Courtney's been waiting for this moment all week. Adults may shy away from the camera, but like every other seven-year-old in the school, Courtney wants it to be her turn to be in the newspaper. It's almost as good as having a birthday.

But an educational assistant in the classroom is perplexed. Discreetly, she leans over and asks another woman why Courtney is being singled out for attention.

The EA has been on a maternity leave and only recently returned to the classroom. But still, in the week she's been back, she simply didn't notice that Courtney's left arm ends at her wrist. That's partly because everyone in the class has stopped noticing. Yes, there were a few questions on the first day, but once the children's natural curiosity was quickly sated with the simple answer that Courtney was born without her left hand, they've turned their attention to all the other things they have to learn.

Six months into Grade 2 life in Haliburton, Courtney's lack of a hand is as much a natural part of her as her bright brown eyes and happy-go-lucky personality.

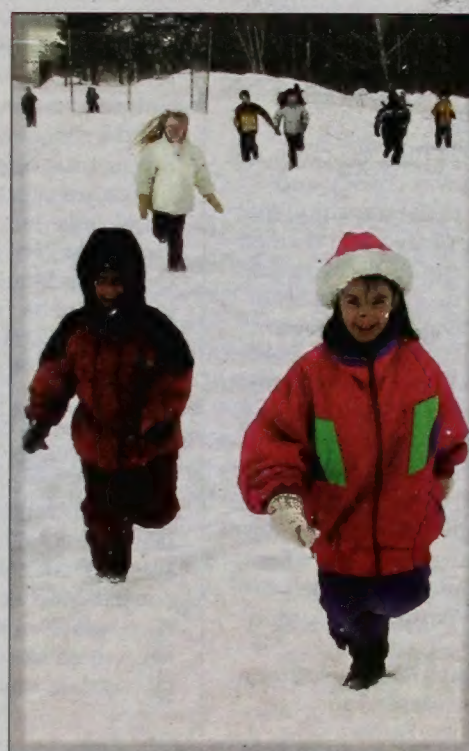
"She's just such a bubbly little thing," Mrs. Bailey smiles. (Indeed, when the children go out for recess - with Courtney flinging herself down the toboggan hill with reckless abandon - another teacher says he's never seen anything but a smile on Courtney's face.)

Courtney doesn't mind talking about her lack of a hand, although sometimes



she gets a little tired about explaining why it's not there.

"I always get that question and I usually say I was born with it," she says. "Even my brother and sister were curious."



There's no slowing her down

At recess with her best friend Sarah Nicholls, Courtney McLaughlin literally throws herself at all the outdoor activities. About the only thing she can't do, she says, is the monkey bars.

(As her mother Leah recounts, sometimes Courtney says "it didn't grow in my mommy's tummy.")

Sometime soon, Courtney is going to bring her myo-electric hand to school and tell the students about the prosthe-

sis. "I might tell them how I was born and how I can do stuff they can so they're not scared that they might lose their hand. Maybe little kindergarten kids think they can lose their hand."

And no, she'll tell them, her hand won't grow back.

She'll also bring a copy of the War Amps video called "Play Safe." Courtney might have been born without a left hand, but most child amputees have lost a limb in an accident - accidents War Amps doesn't want to happen to anyone else.

But as everyone at the school already knows, Courtney is not "disabled" because she only has one hand "except I can't hardly do monkey bars. I can even skip by tying one end to this hand" - she gestures to the end of her left arm - "and holding the other."

Like her mother's sister, who was once on Canada's national team, Courtney loves to cross country ski, although this year she wished her parents had signed her up in hockey instead, just like her friend Samantha Tallman.

"She doesn't know anything different," says her mother, Leah, about Courtney's reaction to life with only one hand. "After seven years, it's just who she is."

When the family - mom Leah, dad Tom, who is director of rooms at Delta PineStone, four-year-old brother Quinn and three-year-old sister Megan - moved here from Port Coquitlam in November 2000, Leah noticed that Courtney started hiding her hand a bit more. That first year away from her old friends and family in B.C. was a bit hard, "but this year she seems a lot happier... She's pretty confident about it."

Courtney's lack of a left hand is such a given in the McLaughlins' life that if someone asks Leah "what's the matter with Courtney?", Leah will look at her daughter with fear, thinking something

War Amps helps kids focus on success

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bad has just happened. "I'd be looking for blood," she says of her reaction, the lack of a left hand being nothing she'd consider being "the matter."

Yet for all of her acceptance of having only one hand, Courtney still loves her annual trip to a CHAMPS (child amputees) camp, sponsored by the Canadian War Amps.

At CHAMPS camp, "there are people like me and they're nice," she says. Some of the kids have no hand, or arms or legs - and to everyone there, that's normal.

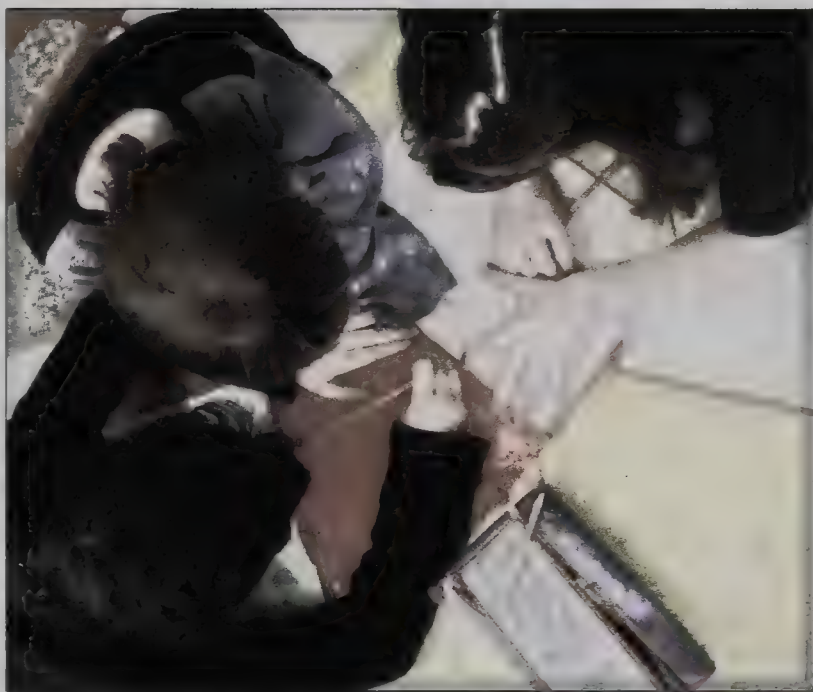
War Amps has been playing a positive role for Courtney ever since she was born. In the early months, Leah was linked up with a "matching mom", a woman who had a child with an amputation. "We talked for hours and that was really helpful," Leah says.

Although the McLaughlins haven't needed any financial help to buy a prosthesis, that help is there. (Courtney doesn't like wearing her myo-electric hand because she finds she can do more without it. Right now, she needs to be re-fitted for a new one because she's grown so much. War Amps will help the McLaughlins find all the right contacts in Ontario.)

Once a year, War Amps holds a seminar with such topics as "What bugs me?" and what's new in the world of prostheses. As Leah says, "whatever you want to do, there's a device you can add to your prosthesis to do it."

Most importantly, however, War Amps encourages academic success in kids.

"If Courtney goes to university or col-



With a little help from her friends: Courtney, Sarah and Samantha Tallman are hard at work in Allison Perecko's music class.

Her teachers say they've never seen Courtney without a smile on her face

lege, they'll help," Leah says. "They're really big on kids using their minds and getting an education... They're really big on succeeding; they'll help you along the way so you can achieve your goals."

Today, Courtney's goal is getting her picture in The Echo. She's had her picture in the paper once, in British Columbia, but this is the first time the

picture will be all about her. She grins, her smile encompassing her entire face, every time she hears that camera blink. Today she's special and that's a pretty good feeling.

This month, War Amps is mailing out its key tags to Ontario residents as its primary fundraising project. Should you lose your

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Halls Lake could be the result of a meteorite: astronomer

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leaving fewer traces of itself for history to find. And the "T-bone" shape? That could be deposits by glaciers, a glancing blow from the meteorite etc. The rouge rock itself no longer exists. It would have been completely vaporised.

My last point is simple, but is actually a strong indicator: Halls Lake is round! Not a shape to happen very easily in nature. Except by a you-know-what.

At one time, every square centimetres of our planet was battered by not one but

thousands of meteorites. The iron plate of the Canadian Shield preserved many of the ones we know about and Halls Lake could very well be another.

In conclusion, I would have to say that for the sake of all the Halls Lake residents, I hope meteorites share a key characteristic with lightning: that they never strike the same place twice. Because Halls Lake has almost certainly been struck once already.

Enjoy your crater, folks!

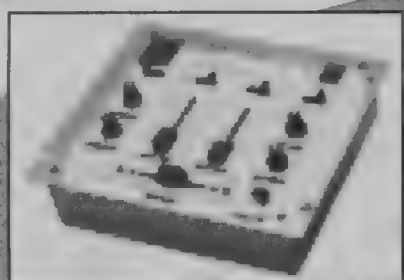
Thomas Kovacs,
Horseshoe Lake.



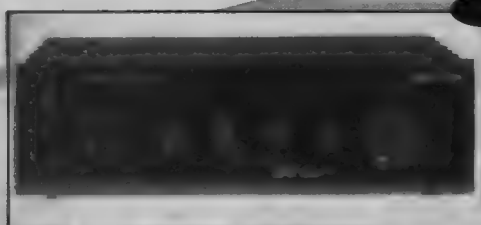
According to Thomas Kovacs, the Wanapitei crater, near Sudbury, is 7.5 km wide and about 34 million years old. This crater resides within a much larger and older impact basin, the Sudbury Basin. It is about 2 billion years old and the meteorite supplied all the nickel and other metals being mined there now.

Editor's note: Geologist John Etches is looking for unusual stories about the depth of Halls Lake. If you have any to share, call him at 705-766-9396.

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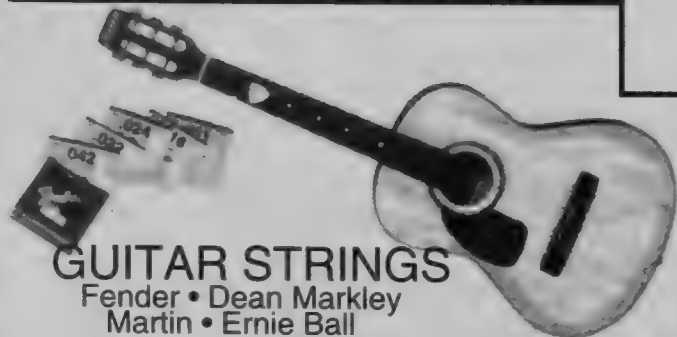
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The joint was jumping, stomping, eating Dysart arena rocks when JDHES students faceoff against OPP

CATHY OLLIFFE

Staff Reporter

The smell of vinegar splashed over french fries was overpowering. The noise level bordered on ear-splitting. And anyone who is even remotely claustrophobic wouldn't have been able to handle the wall-to-wall kids in the lobby, in the stands and in the washrooms at the Dysart et al arena Feb. 26. It was a party, for sure.

And, oh yeah, there was also a hockey game going on.

The occasion was the annual match-up between the hockey stars of J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School (JDH) and Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers from the Haliburton Highlands detachment. They play every year in the spirit of good public relations,

showing youngsters that cops are people too.

One might think that the much, much taller – and older – OPP team would have a distinct advantage over the JDH players.

Not so, says Sgt. Mike Landry. "They killed us. Nine to four."

The police redeemed themselves the next day when they played against Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden. With the help of some Ministry of Natural Resources staff, they managed a seven-all tie game.

But in Haliburton, JDH players were on a roll and couldn't be kept down. The OPP were pretty good-natured about the defeat and they appreciated the fact that the students in the stands cheered the police team almost as enthusiastically as their own.

Practically everyone at the school was bussed to the arena for the game, creating the kind of party that the youngsters will likely never forget. They cheered, they ate french fries, they ran around, they ate french fries, they drank pop, they ate more fries and, when they had a chance, they also watched the hockey game. The line-up at the arena's concession stand was three-deep, curving around the lobby like a giant, talkative (and fairly adorable) snake.

Maybe everyone was a little more pumped than usual because of the men's hockey gold medal game two days earlier. Or maybe the kids at JDH just know a good time when they see it. One thing's for sure, nothing goes better with a hockey game than a salty box of arena fries.

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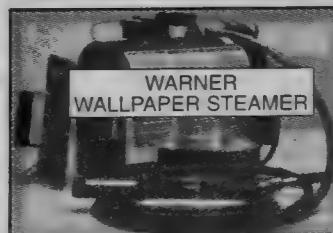
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The GJ Burtch/Ronald Sisson Builders Peewee Storm advanced to the All-Ontario semi-finals by defeating a strong Lakefield team with a decisive 6-3 victory last Sunday.

This fifth-game victory was the series winner for the Storm who advance to take on Paris in the coming weeks.

The Storm victory surprised many. The Storm won game 1 with a come-from-behind overtime victory despite being outplayed for most of the game. The Storm won game 2, but only because Storm goaltender Ian Sachs stole the game for the outplayed Storm. The Storm lost games 3 and 4 decisively, and so despite being tied 2-2 in the

series, many observers felt the Storm was overmatched going into the final game.

Maybe it was because the players started to recover from the flu epidemic, or maybe it was because the addition of two AP players created a much-needed third line, or maybe it was just a great effort. What ever the reason, the Storm, for the first time since the third period of the first game, were able to match Lakefield shot for shot and chance for chance in the fifth game.

In the first two periods of the game the Storm amassed a 3-0 lead because they scored on their good chances and Lakefield could not. Ryan Bottum scored twice and Cody Mills once to put the Storm out in front and Storm goaltender Mike Lennox would deny every Lakefield opportunity to ensure the

Storm went into the third period with a commanding three-goal lead.

Lakefield came out strong in the third and the Storm ran into some penalty trouble, but the teams basically tied the third period with each scoring three goals. Thus, the early three-goal lead stood at the end as the Storm won this crucial and exciting game by a 6-3 margin.

Ryan Bottum scored another pair in the third period to give him an outstanding four goals in the game and Sherri Walker scored one as well with a very determined second effort.

The entire Storm team is full value for this victory and is looking forward to its upcoming series against Paris.

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Special to the Echo

The Novice A Highland Storm, sponsored by the Pepper Mill Restaurant, were hosts to the two-time regional champion Port Carling Thunder recently.

The Thunder rolled to a fast start scoring two quick goals by the 8 minute mark. The Storm awakened, realizing that they had quite a fight on their hands to stay in this one, and answered back first only three seconds later on an unassisted goal by Scott Griffith, and then at 7:15 on an unassisted goal by Keaton Gadway. The second goal came by some good spade work from Mark Vasey by first keeping the puck in the Thunder end, with a short pass to Brett Hicks in the slot.

The Thunder were a fast skating fire-brand style team with quick break-outs, and they continued to drive to the net, and scored again at 3:24. The Storm rose to the occasion by answering back on a nice point shot from Mathew Gallagher assisted by Ian Bottum and Griffith at 2:22. The first period ended in a 3 to 3 tie.

The Storm intensified in the second period by taking the game to the Thunder, with Griffith scoring another unassisted goal. Then from a melee around the Thunder cage, Drew Paul's point shot hit the post. With the Storm on the attack, Brandon Yake snapped in a rebound from a flurry, assisted by Hicks and Chris Judge. The Storm really put the heat on the Thunder by holding them in their own end for a two-minute span. The Thunder were not to be denied, and true to form, they

scored at the 0:14 mark from another fast out-break play.

Zack Harrison was tested often as the Thunder rolled in at him at tremendous speeds, and bowled huge thunder clappers. Mike Callaghan was kept busy trying to match the speed of the Thunder forwards. The second period ended with the Storm ahead 5 to 4.

The Storm opened the third period with a goal by Gadway at 13:35. This goal saw nice work from Bottum who lugged the puck from his own end through traffic into the Thunder end, to set up the Gadway goal. The Storm defensive unit of Paul and Gallagher continued to be instrumental in hemming the Thunder in their own end again, for the next 90 second. The Storm continued to rage around the Thunder cage. Once again the speed of the Thunder was evident as they hit for another quick strike at the 10:05 mark.

The Storm play at their best in this open style type of game, and continued to take the game to the Thunder by pressing for another goal.

Yake hit the post at 3:23, and the Storm were rewarded for their hard work, when

Judge scored a nice goal

high on the glove side at 2:23. The excitement built with the Thunder pulling their goalie in the last 50 seconds for the extra attacker. Paul scored into the empty net in the dying seconds, but the play was off-side. The spectators were royally treated to plenty of fast action in this one. They saw excellent play making, skating and passing in a very entertaining game. Final Storm 7 Thunder 5.



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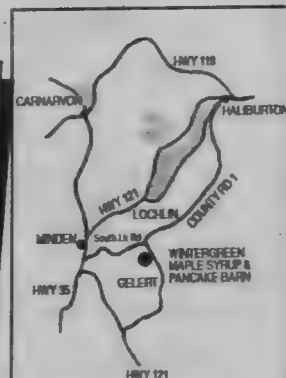
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Winning hand?

Above: Kevin Sisson examines a card hand during the West Guilford Shuffle on a sunny February day. A total of more than 200 people participated and enjoyed the dance and dinner at the West Guilford community centre. Organizers said this is the best Shuffle ever and it's success is a reflection of the businesses that contribute prizes such as hot tub rental and a snowmobile suit. A portion of the money raised is helping to pay off the \$85,000 needed to construct the wheel chair access ramp for the centre which has begun. Jackleen Milligan, from Oshawa, won the Shuffle prize of \$100 with three-of-a-kind.

Dare to help

The 8th annual Dare to Ski, sponsored by the Haliburton County Association For Community Living group, raised \$6,550 from their ski race and silent action. Forty-one participants ranged from six to 60 years. First place was Cody Heins, second, Ray Johnson, third, Max Creelman.

Top prize went to Haliburton local Nancy Bishop who raised \$850 which was a two night stay at the Bonnie View Inn. This fundraiser has raised nearly \$60,000 miscellaneous costs such as vehicle purchases. Community Living wishes to thank Sir Sam's Ski area for providing free lift tickets, a lunch and discounted rentals for pledgers.



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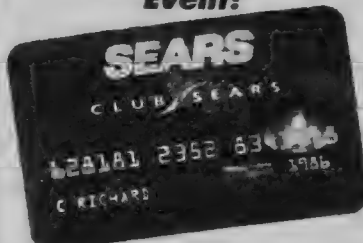
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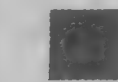


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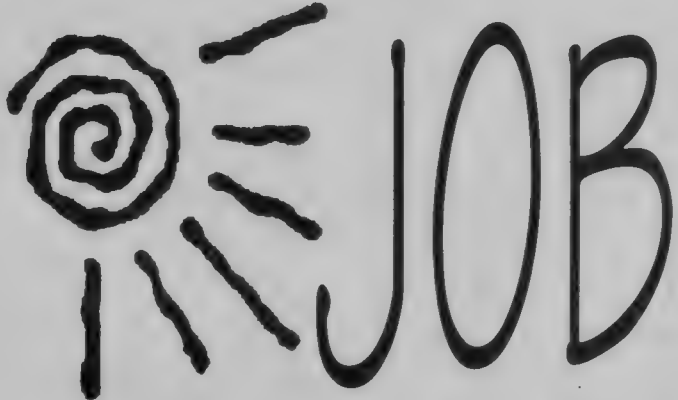
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Half-Pints small in stature, big on heart

Students learn what matters

CATHY OLLIFFE

Staff Reporter

The little boy in the front row put his hand up, tentatively, and asked a question that tugged hard on the heartstrings of everyone who had ever been in his shoes.

"Did kids ever mix up your name?" he asked. "You know, say it mixed up, to make fun of you?"

Stewart "Speedy" Downs paused slightly before he smiled at the child and said, kindly, "I'm not going to tell you what names kids made up from my name. But I will say there are a lot of cruel people in the world and you can't do anything about it, take it from me. If somebody teases you, walk on by. You're better than they are. So just walk on by."

Downs is a bit of an expert when it comes to the subject of teasing. At four feet, four inches tall, he attracts stares and whispers wherever he goes.

"Every day of my life I've been teased," he said. "And I will be. Every day."

On this day, the first day of March, no one is teasing Downs and three other members of the Canadian Half-Pints basketball team who have driven through a snowstorm to be at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce. Students from three local schools, Wilberforce, Gooderham and Cardiff, have also braved the storm in order to hear the Half-Pints' message about pursuing their dreams and dealing with problems like teasing.

Jackie Goodwin, Mourtouzi Mourtouzi and Downs are among the 28 "little" men and women who make up the Canadian Half-Pints basketball team. They are all short in stature but big on heart.

One of the kids in the Wilberforce crowd asked if Downs, the team leader, likes to be called a midget. "I don't get offended by the term midget," Downs said, "but some people on my team do."

His father was Murray "Little Bruiser" Downs, a famous Canadian midget wrestler working with the legendary promoter Whipper Billy Watson. Because Downs' father was billed as a midget wrestler, and he was proud of his father, the term doesn't bother him. But it's not a nice term, these days. Nor is it politically correct. Downs said even the term "little people" is pushing the boundary of good taste. His suggestion is not to use any word at all to describe the way people look. "Don't stereotype anybody," he said. "Just go up and say hi and you'll have a brand new friend."

Warming them up:

The Half-Pints warm up their audience before answering questions from Highlands East area students

Appearances aren't important and they can be deceiving. To illustrate this point Downs had one of the tallest students come forward and stand beside Goodwin, one of only three female team members. The stu-

dent towered over Goodwin. But when Downs asked the two young women to sit down, the student and the Half-Pint were practically the same size. "It's an optical illusion," Downs said.

People who share Downs' physical attributes are the same size as anybody else from the hips up. It's only their arms and legs that are smaller than most. It's a genetic trait that doesn't always show up - Downs' dad is four feet tall, his mother was six feet tall. His brother and sister both grew to six feet, but Downs took after his dad.

His girlfriend (whom the audience was very interested in, asking all kinds of questions about) is the same size as Downs. "So if me and my girlfriend ever had kids, do you think our kids would be four feet or six feet?"

"Six feet!" the kids in the audience hollered.

"You're right," Downs replied. "We'd have a 75% chance of having tall children."

That was Downs' quick genetics lesson - the most important lesson he wanted to impart to the kids was that his height has not slowed him down in any way, shape or form. He plays basketball, hockey, drives a car, - he has toured North America; he has even played basketball with Vince Carter of the Toronto Raptors.

"Now, I don't let my size stop me from doing anything. If you tell me I can't do it, I'm trying twice as hard to do it," he said. "Don't let anyone steal your dreams. Dreams do come true."

The first thing to do, he told the kids, was to believe in yourself. Then believe in your goals.

The third thing is to listen to your coaches, your teachers and your parents. "They can help you unlock the doors to your future," Downs said.

The students seemed mesmerized by Downs. Not only was he a great speaker, he was also a mighty fine basketball player. The kids just loved it when the Half-Pints went up against their teachers in a game. Try as they would, the teachers just couldn't match the Half-Pints' skills. When the teachers did score, the kids hooted appreciatively, but they really loved it when the Half-Pints played tricks on the teachers: the highlight was when one teacher got a whipped cream pie in the face.

As the game wrapped up, Downs told the kids that the teacher had agreed to get a cream pie in the face - he had agreed, in advance, to be teased. It's the only kind of teasing that's any fun, he pointed out.

"The next time you think about teasing somebody," Downs added, "think about spending a half a day with them and you'll make a new friend. Never miss the opportunity to make a friend."

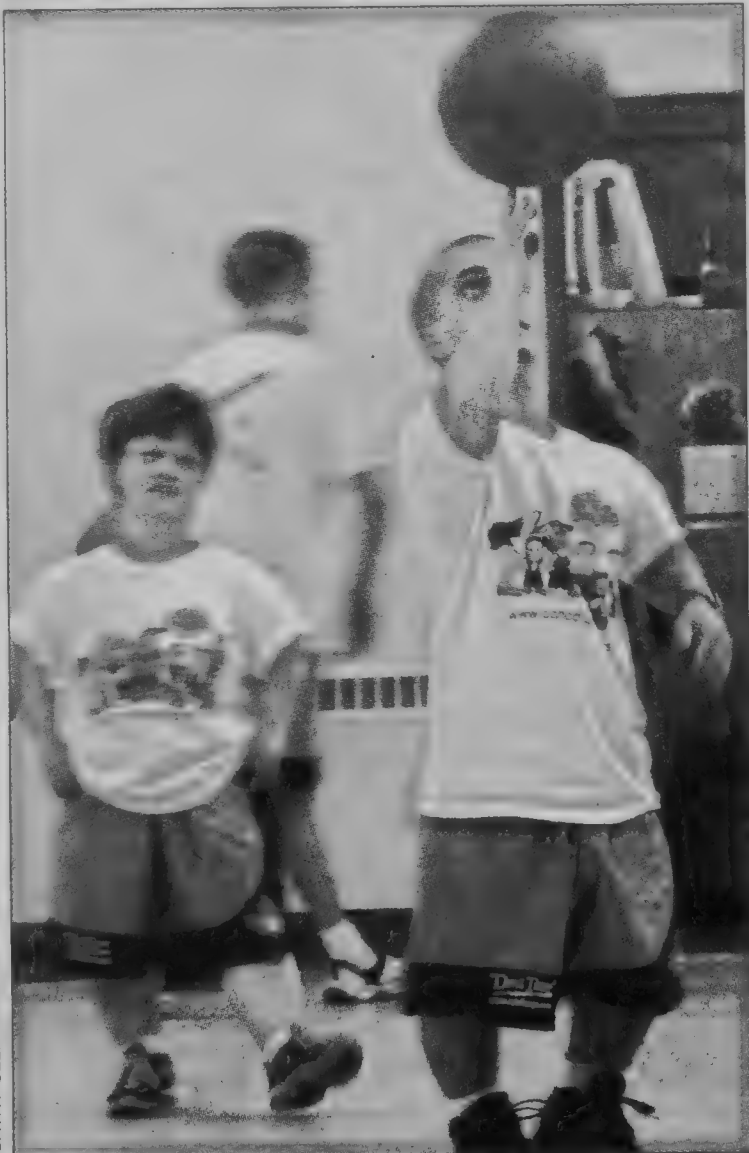
After the show was over the kids piled out of the room to put their coats and boots on before heading back to school. They were all talking about the presentation they had just seen, about teasing, about dreams, but mostly about Downs.

"I wanted to go up and shake that guy's hand!" one boy said enthusiastically to his friend. "He was COOL!"

Is there any higher praise than that?



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Big skills: Stewart 'Speedy' Downs shows his audience that 'tricks are for kids', while team mate Jackie Goodwin looks on.

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J.D. Hodgson students join Ryan Hreljac's quest to bring water to Africa

CATHY OLLIFFE

Staff Reporter

Students from JD Hodgson Elementary School have joined a young and famous Canadian in his quest to bring water to Africa.

On Feb. 15, JDH Principal Mike Burke told his students about Ryan Hreljac who, at age six, came home from school determined to bring clean water to children in Africa. The Kemptonville boy had heard in his school how millions of people in Africa lacked safe water – such a basic thing in his everyday life. Since that day four years ago, Ryan's vision has spearheaded a drive that has raised more than \$500,000 for the development of wells in Africa.

"He found out it would cost \$70 to put a well in," Burke told The Echo. So he did extra chores to raise the money. "Certainly \$70 isn't a lot of money and his parents could have easily have paid it but that wasn't the point."

Then Ryan discovered that it would take a person weeks to dig a well for \$70 but with \$2,000 a mechanical device could be purchased that would dig a well in a day. So he took it upon himself to raise money for that. Burke said Hreljac's mission culminated with a trip to Uganda in 2000 where he was greeted by more than 5,000 villagers and hailed as a hero. Elders assured him the clean water he had brought them had saved children's lives and made everyone healthier.

Most certainly, lives have been saved by his efforts. At the same time, he inspires children by providing them with an opportunity to make the world a better place through his Ryan's Well Foundation (RWF).

"I want everyone in Africa to have safe drinking water," Ryan, now 10, has said.

Ryan has become big news. A documentary has been made about his trip to Africa. The Prince of Wales, Prime Minister Jean Chretien, ambassadors and mem-

bers of Parliament have all met Ryan out of interest in his accomplishments. He has told his story on national television and the U.S. on the Oprah Winfrey show, as well as in numerous magazines, in dozens of newspaper articles and, most recently, in a book called "SuperKids: More Young Heroes in Action" by children's author Leslie Garrett (Harper Collins).

Especially exciting about his story is the fact he's just a regular kid. He plays hockey, tangles with his two brothers, is ho-hum about school and loves video games – surely this sends the message to children (and adults) everywhere how much can be accomplished with a vision, a plan and commitment, no matter what age.

The youngster has had the encouragement and support of his family, friends and community throughout and he continues to work on his own terms. He could stop his effort tomorrow but is committed to continue. As a result, much of his spare time is spent attending events and fulfilling speaking engagements in an ever-widening area, from his home in eastern Ontario to Quebec, southwestern Ontario and the northern States.

His tour will stop in Haliburton sometime in June when he visits JDH as well as the Northern Lights Pavilion for an evening appearance for grown-ups.

But the kids at JDH will be well prepared for Ryan. Burke says they will be launching a fundraising campaign to raise money for RWF as well as learning about Africa and what has a boy of their own age so fired up.

If you'd like to get involved with the JDH campaign, contact Mike Burke at 457-2922 or take a look at the RWF website www.ryanswell.ca.



Ryan Hreljac will visit Haliburton in June

Police Briefs

The following are brief reports from the Haliburton Highlands OPP.

Witnesses saw six males steal a 1998 Yamaha SRX 700 cc snowmobile from the Northwood Inn's parking lot on Hwy. 118 in Haliburton on February 23.

The theft occurred at 2:30 a.m. and the thieves put the snowmobile into the back of a red Ford quad cab truck. The truck then headed towards West Guilford.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact CrimeStoppers at 1-800-563-8477 or the OPP at 286-1431.

Impaired driving

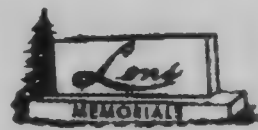
A 60-year-old Haliburton man was charged with impaired driving and over 80 mgs after officers saw a pick up truck exit the IGA parking lot in Haliburton, cross the centre lane and then travel on the shoulder of the road. The vehicle was then stopped. The incident occurred February 26.

A 67-year-old Minden Hills man was charged with impaired driving and over 80 mgs when an officer observed a pick up truck parked at the side of the road at the junction of Horseshoe Lake Road and Hwy 35 on February 23.

Break and enter

Two cottages on Davis Lake Road were ransacked but liquor was the only thing stolen from them some time since February 19. The suspect(s) gained entry by prying windows open.

Several items were stolen from a fish hut on Drag Lake.



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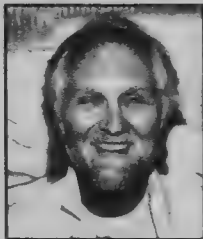
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Now they are four



The four dietitians of Haliburton County: Rosie Kadwell, Janice Lewis, Nicki Dollo and Kim Hicks pose at The Old Country House.

Once upon a time there was just Rosie Kadwell. The Lone Dietitian. She was the first and only dietitian in Haliburton County for more years than she probably wants to count. But she's not alone anymore. These days there are four dietitians who call the Highlands home: Kadwell, Janice Lewis, Kim Hicks and Nicki Dollo. Four women whose mission in life is to help people eat healthy and live longer.

Still, they're not adverse to talking about cheesecake.

Or chocolate.

Dollo says, "During my schooling they said you should never trust a dietitian who says she doesn't love chocolate."

The four women have gathered at The Old Country House in Haliburton on a crisp winter evening to talk about their jobs and their practically obsessive love of food. Some people might think dietitians would be the last people on earth who might be thought of as gourmands, because it seems like they're always telling other people what to put in their mouths. But that's not the case. Food is what drew them into profession and food seems to be the number one topic of conversation on this evening. They haven't even ordered their first course yet and already they're talking about what to order for dessert. Fresh fruit? Cheesecake? Bread pudding? They talk with great relish about each thing.

Hicks is a prime example. She's the director of food services for Haliburton Highlands Health Services, meaning she's the one who is in charge of the food at Haliburton and Minden hospitals. And

she doesn't really appreciate jokes about hospital food. "Our food that we serve is good," she says.

There's also a whole lot of it. Institutional cooking is the term that describes producing vast numbers of meals. It's a job she seemed destined to do.

"When I was a little girl I'd make assembly-line, institutional batches of cake with my Easy Bake Oven," she says. "I'd use a full-size Betty Crocker cake mix, not the little ones that came with the oven. I'd produce 25 cakes a day."

Kadwell got into the business because she was interested in public health ... and she loved food. She works full-time for the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge Health Unit (HKPR) now but she has worked at just about every dietitian-related job in the county. She's worked for HHHS, she's worked at diabetes education, she's taught nutrition in schools, she has worked independently and she has counseled individuals.

The other three dietitians joke that they only have jobs now because Kadwell has given them up and moved on to something else. She is the original, the pioneer. These days she doesn't do individual counseling anymore but she does spend time creating and coordinating nutritional programs like the healthy snack programs at schools and the Good Food Box program which encourages people to buy fresh vegetables at reasonable prices. She also coordinates surveys, pamphlets, low-cost meals and anything else, practically, that requires expertise on the subject.

Getting people to eat healthy is her goal, "before they get the heart attacks, before

they get diabetes ... There are so many people with lifestyle conditions," she says. Healthcare costs are so much higher when diseases are treated rather than prevented. Drugs and hospital fees definitely outweigh the costs of healthy eating.

Kadwell has always "loved public health" and being a dietitian with the HKPR really is a fulfillment of a dream for her. "I love the people. Love the food. And I really love the idea of health promotion." She agrees that "prevention is a hard thing to see or measure." A physician can cut out a tumour and see the results. A contractor can build a house. But just because preventative medicine isn't always noticeable doesn't mean it doesn't work. "Of course I believe that eating well will prevent disease or I wouldn't be doing this," she says.

One of Kadwell's biggest accomplishments was starting the Diabetes Education Network in the Highlands. It's a job now done by Lewis, who also has her own consulting business and does work for the access centre. Lewis counsels anybody who needs dietary advice, including many seniors, cancer patients, diabetics, overweight people and people with gastrointestinal problems.

Dollo, the youngest of the group, is the only dietitian who works out of town, at Soldier's Memorial Hospital in Orillia. As the daughter of the owner of Dollo's IGA in Minden, she grew up surrounded by food and loves it just as much as Lewis, Kadwell and Hicks.

All four agree there is much to be learned about healthy eating by people in the Highlands.

"In Haliburton we don't have the culture of food they have in a lot of other places," Kadwell says. "It's not great for gardens here either. There's a lot of meat and potatoes here."

"And macaroni," Lewis agrees. She says there's the issue of cost for some people, who find it cheaper to buy macaroni than vegetables, but there's also less choice in restaurants and grocery stores.

They acknowledge things are changing with better variety at both places. Beans, lentils, exotic fruits and vegetables are starting to appear more frequently on local supermarket shelves.

All four dietitians practise what they preach, eating healthy foods themselves and (generally) feeding it to their families as well. But they admit it's sometimes hard to shoulder the burden being a dietitian brings: Lewis sees the looks she gets from clients she bumps into at the grocery store ogling the bag of tortilla chips in her cart. And when Kadwell has a birthday party for her kids, their friends wonder if tofu hot dogs will be on the menu. They're not, but she's amazed the kids even know what tofu is.

Ninety-nine per cent of the time the women eat healthy foods so when they do break down and eat tortilla chips or order rich desserts or eat chocolate, they're not concerned. Moderation, after all, is key.

Now, does anybody want to know what the four dietitians ordered for dessert at The Old Country House? Was it the fresh fruit? The cheesecake? Or the bread pudding?

Kadwell says it was the bread pudding. And it was fabulous.

Shopping for information

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

With all the conflicting stories about what foods are bad or good for you, a trip down the aisle of a grocery store can be as dizzying as trying to get through a maze. What's bad for my heart? What do all these numbers on a label mean?

One morning dietitian Janice Lewis slowed down the pace and took a group of seven people on an informative tour of Haliburton IGA. Instead of whisking through the store in a I've-got-to-get-home-to-cook-a-fast-dinner mood, participants were encouraged to think twice about the foods they were purchasing.

The tours are sponsored by The Heart Connection and, on this tour, Lewis's focus was on the foods that help the heart and those which can contribute to heart disease. And since 54% of people in this region will die of heart-related diseases, her comments could help save someone's life.

Here are some of the stops she made along the way:

If you divide your dinner plate into quarters, half of it should be filled with vegetables, one quarter should be meat, fish or poultry and one quarter should be a starch such as potatoes, rice or pasta.



Janice Lewis, left, leads a tour of a local grocery tour.

All vegetables are good for you, but some are better than others. The ones to concentrate on are those which contain beta carotene and vitamin C, since they help fight the plaque which clogs your arteries and makes it harder for the heart to pump.

Orange-coloured vegetables – carrots, squash and sweet potato – are high in

beta carotene. A green pepper has twice as much vitamin C as an orange, and a red pepper has even more.

The "stinky" vegetables – cabbage and Brussels sprouts – are good for preventing cancer.

Be wary in the juice section. If it says punch or nectar or drink, it has just a little juice concentrate plus added sugars. If you're diabetic, remember that "no added sugar" does not mean sugar-free, since fruits have natural sugars. It's better to have fruit than fruit juices because the fruit also has fibre.

Meat has iron and vitamin B12, so it is an important part of a diet, but the key is to make choices that contain less fat.

As well as choosing less fatty cuts – stay away from ribs – tenderloin's the best – try to reduce the amount of prepared foods you eat.

"If you're a fast-food-aholic, you're really risking heart disease," Lewis said. Processed meats such as bologna contain the equivalent of a teaspoon of fat in one slice, so parents should also avoid giving their children this type of meat. "Everyone has to have some fat but I'd rather they get it from milk and yogurt."

Processed meats are also high in salt – bad for blood pressure – and high in nitrates – bad for cancer.

With chicken, the fattest choice is wings since they have little meat and you should take the skin off other cuts either before or after cooking.

But Lewis warned that choosing non-meat menus does not necessarily translate into low-fat menus. A main dish Caesar salad can have more fat than a steak dinner.

When it comes to dairy and margarine, Lewis advises, "Read the label. You're looking for M.F."

M.F. refers to how much fat is in the product. An eight-ounce glass of 1% milk has half a teaspoon of fat; that doubles when you drink 2% and homogenized milk is almost two teaspoons.

Look for low-fat yogurts, too, but diabetics should be aware that low-fat yogurts can be high in sugar.

Cheese is high in fat but she cautioned that, when making something such as macaroni and cheese, don't use low-fat mozzarella because you'll end up putting more on to achieve any level of taste.

When buying cheese, score it so you keep the portion size to that of a battery. "It's really easy to eat too much."

Grocery store tours can be arranged for groups, or you can sign up for the next one, by calling the health unit at 457-1391.

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Wilberforce curlers experience a state of withdrawal as brine pump is on the blink

League games at the Wilberforce Club will be between a skip and a rock this season and two of the biggest events will be left in the cold.

Curlers in this area are in shock. There will be no more curling at the Wilberforce Club this season. The Tuesday night women's league members played as usual on February 26. Little did they know that they were playing their last games of the season - and the last club games. That night part of the ice making machinery - mainly the brine pump on the condenser - broke down. Efforts have been made to try to get things running. But major repair and replacements are necessary.

None of the leagues will be able to finish their schedules. The Keith Cameron and Business bonspiels, two of the Club's biggest events will not take place. The Club's seventy-five members and all those who enter the bonspiels are really disappointed. Some who usually curl several times a week seem to be in a state of withdrawal. president Roberta Walsh, who works so hard for the club and spends a lot of time there, will not have to move a bed in to the clubhouse after all. Instead she will be leading the drive to get the machinery up and running for next year. For now the whole final month of curling has been swept away.

World Day of Prayer 2002 service was held on Friday, March 1 at St. Margaret's Anglican Church. The service, written by the women of Romania followed the theme "Challenged to Reconcile". The evening was arranged by leader Elsie Lewis with people from area churches taking part. The Roman Catholic and Reformed Churches in Highland Grove and the Full

Gospel, United and Anglican Churches in Wilberforce were all represented.

The service included prayers, hymns, voices telling about the country of Romania, readings a drama portraying the reconciliation message in the Old Testament story of Abigail. Flo Elliott's homily was an excellent presentation on the theme "Challenged to Reconcile."

The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year, the first Friday of March, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service.

The Wilberforce Heritage Guild annually raffles a quilt as a fund raiser. This year's quilt, a pretty country patterned one in several shades of blue, is on the frames at the Outpost. Quilters are invited to donate a few hours to

work on this year's project. Call 448-2018 or drop in if you see Hilda's car out front of the museum.

The Loop Troupe has begun serious rehearsals for this spring's production. When casting difficulties arose for the originally planned and announced plays, changes were made. The Troupe hopes that the three short one act plays they will now present will be entertaining and even thought-provoking.

Mark Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11 on your calendar! To join in producing these plays come to the Lloyd Watson Centre, Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

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Talking of mummies, sharks, stars and a fateful day

"COMPETENT COMMUNICATOR"! How many of us as adults freeze at the mention of these two words? Well I am not afraid to admit I turn to ice when I am required to speak publicly. Just as when I was young, each year students continue to be introduced to the art of Public Speaking. Just as in the "olden days", the Royal Canadian Legion competitions continue to focus on helping young people be "Competent Communicators". A component of the school curriculum is to help students become better at writing, editing, and presenting. These competitions are a wonderful opportunity for students to further refine their public speaking skills.

I was fortunate to have the chance to attend Branch 624 Royal Canadian Legion Speech Contest where four very fine orators from Wilberforce E.S. gave their speeches. The students were very impressive as they made their presentations before an audience of three Legion judges, other Legion members, 50 of their own peers, teachers, parents, and grandparents.

Kristin Nicholson started her speech off with "I am silent but I talk!" She presented an excellent account of the process of preparing a "mummy" for preservation and I squirmed in my chair as the gruesome details unfolded. Conclusion - the embalmed bodies of long ago Egyptian Queens do tell stories.

Jarrett Donaldson got everyone's attention as he started his speech off by inviting us to imagine swimming along a sandy beach and suddenly we were dragged

down to the bottom by a - at this point he held up a picture of a shark fin. His speech was very informative; sharks may devour the odd human or two but we as humans depend on sharks to provide us with everything from leather products to vitamins. Great ending Jarrett.

Hollie Travis' emphatic "Boom" took our minds away from shark fin soup as she started her speech on the September 11th incident. She gave details about what transpired on that fateful day and shared her opinions on what followed after. Her thought-provoking summary question, "How would you feel if you were there?" I am sure played on everyone's mind.

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star How I Wonder What You Are? You are right Nikole Watson; many of us have looked up into the sky and thought about that. Great account of Northern Lights, magnetic fields, evening stars. The next time many of us go outside on a clear night and look up into the sky we will see how many stars we can count as you suggested in the ending of your delivery.

We are all aware winning an oratorical contest is secondary to the process of writing, speaking, and effective presentation. However, I would like to heartily congratulate Nikole Watson 1st place winner, Hollie Travis 2nd place winner, Jarred Donaldson 3rd place winner and Kristin Nicholson 4th place winner.

A big thank you to the Wilberforce Branch 624 Legion for sponsoring the Wilberforce E.S. Legion Public Speaking Contest and I would like to extend thanks to the other Royal Canadian Legion Branches for their support of their local public schools.

I wish the best of luck to students from Archie Stouffer School and J. Douglas Hodgson who attended The Royal Canadian Legion Zone Finals in Cannington on Saturday March 2 and best of luck to finalists from Wilberforce Elementary School and Cardiff who will be attending zone finals on Saturday, March 23 in Peterborough. Thank you once again to all Royal Canadian Legion Youth Education Committees for your support.

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On Monday Feb. 18th approximately 12 children from the Harcourt Monday Night Youth Group had a great time tobogganing down Swans' Hill or in earlier days known as "Archie Scott's Hill". When Cindy told me about this, I thought about a story my mother once told me about my grandfather Charlie Townsend. It appears one cold, bright moon light night in the 1930s my mother and some of her siblings and friends went out for a toboggan ride. As they climbed the hill they heard the swoosh of an on coming toboggan. It came as a great surprise to all of them to see their father pass by them on a toboggan laden with 50-pound bags of flour and sugar and other grocery items. As you can see the enjoyment of tobogganing in Harcourt has been going on for well over 70 years. What an extraordinary, lasting past time!

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Please forward a letter of interest, with resume and appropriate supporting documents by March 8, 2002 to:

Lynne Hoppenreys
Financial and Administration Manager,
Family Services of Haliburton County,
Box 1306,
Haliburton, ON, K0M 1S0
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MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING BY-LAW 77-32 MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- DATE: Monday, April 1st, 2002.
- TIME: 5:00 pm.
- LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Lands of Wilda LaRue
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit use of the property for general industrial purposes. Specifically, an addition to the lands of Johndee Construction Limited.
 - Zone change from "RU" to "M".
 - Location: Part Lot 13, Concession 9, (Industrial Park Road), Dysart Township.
 - This application is a condition of Application for Consent H-110/2001
 2. Lands of Shall-May Holdings Limited
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit seasonal residential use of the property.
 - Zone change from "RU" to "SR1-5", "OS" and "H".
 - Location: Part Lots 22 and 23, Concession 12, (Little Redstone Lake - Blue Heron Trail), Guilford Township.
- IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY that files an appeal of a decision of the Municipality of Dysart in respect of the proposed zoning by-law does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.
- FURTHER INFORMATION: including the draft by-law and site plan map is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

DATED this 5th day of March, 2002.
Patricia Martin, Planner



The County of Haliburton

Roads Department
Box 880
3 St. Germaine Street at Newcastle
Minden, ON K0M 2K0
Phone: 705-286-1762 Fax: 705-286-4881

Tender No. 2002-17 Rehabilitation of 5.3 kilometers on County Road No. 121 (North) From County Road No 18 to the Allsaw Bridge

SEALED TENDERS, on the forms supplied, will be received at the County Administration Building, Roads Department, 3 St. Germaine Street, Minden, Ontario until:

**12:00 Noon local time on
Friday March 22, 2002**

The Tender document has been prepared for bidding on two alternative treatments for the above noted section of roadway. The Tenderer may submit a bid on either of the two Alternative Treatments or for both.

"Alternative Process No. 1" comprises a "Cold In-Place" recycling treatment whereby 75mm of the existing asphalt surface is milled and replaced with the equivalent depth of recycled material and overlaid with a 50mm HL4 Surface Course.

"Alternative Process No. 2" shall include In-Place processing of the existing asphalt surface and replaced with a new 90mm HL4 Asphalt Surface.

Furthermore, the scope of the work shall include a complete reconstruction of the Blairhampton Road Intersection. The new features will improve vertical and horizontal alignment and incorporate the construction of a new turning lane. This work is to be considered as "New" construction and will be carried out as part of both Alternative No. 1 and Alternative No. 2. Tender Documents will be available, for viewing only, at local Construction Exchanges and the County of Haliburton Roads Department office.

For further information contact:
Roy Haig, Engineering Services Manager at
(705) 286-1762



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NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION TO PURCHASE THE SHORELINE ROAD ALLOWANCE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

DATE: Monday April 8th, 2002
TIME: any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared the following parcels of land to be surplus. These parcels of land are parts of original shoreline road allowances, located in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton.

1. Applicant: Davis
Location: - Haliburton Lake.
- In front of Lots 12 and 13, Concession 3, Township of Harburn.
- Adjacent to Lot 79, Plan 331, Dignan Drive.
- Defined as Parts 1 and 2 on a preliminary plan of survey prepared by H. Curry Bishop, OLS and dated January 18th, 2002, available for review in the Planning Department.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portions of shoreline road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (9:00 am. to 5:00 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 18th day of February, 2002.

Patricia E. Martin
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Township Planner

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- Join Home Support for **Cribbage** in the Drop-In Centre Friday March 8 and every Friday.
- **Mar. 6: The Laryngectomy and Family Support Group** welcomes laryngectomees and their families to its monthly meeting on Wed., Mar. 6 from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. at the Canadian Cancer Society at 727 Lansdowne St. W. in Peterborough, Ont. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month. CCS phone number is (705) 742-3823.
- **Mar. 6, Apr. 3: Wed. 1-3 p.m. Job Talk.** Learn to speak up in a job interview. Free, make new contacts, call to register 457-3412.
- **Mar. 6: Wed. 12 noon. Wheels to Meals at Kei's** in Haliburton. Enjoy a full meal for a guaranteed low price as well as a chance to meet new people. Reservations are required. Please call 457-2941.
- **Mar. 7: Thurs. 1-4 p.m., Checkers** at Home Support Drop-in Centre. 457-2941.
- **Mar. 7: L.I.F.T. Ladies in Fellowship Together** at West Guilford Recreation Centre, Thursday, Mar. 7, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Theme: Good Things To Come. Feature: Framed, Floral Artwork with Sophia Tink. Music: Sisters and Co. Speaker: Gloria McMurray, Minden. Information call: Alice 754-2808 or Lyn 457-3155.
- **Mar. 11: Alzheimer Society Support Groups.** We are holding informal support meetings. You are welcome to attend. Bring your concerns. We will bring the refreshments. You are not alone. Minden, Mon. Mar. 11, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Extendicare, Activity Room. If you have any questions or want more information, please call Janet Bottum at the Alzheimer Office in Haliburton at 457-8335.
- **Mar. 12: The Highland Weavers and Spinners** will hold their March Meeting at the Haliburton Museum at 1:30 p.m. Program will be on Colour with Pat Campbell.
- **Mar. 13: Irish Pot Luck Supper**, 6 p.m., at the Lochlin Community Centre. Bring your favourite pot luck dish. Stew will be provided. Join us, have fun, and help support our community centre. Admission by donation.
- **Mar. 11, 12, 13, 14: March break activities at C.H.A.C.E. Resource Centre (Minden):** March *11: Wizard Wands and rings; March *12: Wizard Pen and notebook; March 13: Activity morning - "St. Patrick's Day"; March 14: Bingo at 11 a.m. Call 286-1770 for more information. *Call to register, small material fee.
- **Mar. 13: Wed., 12 noon, Wheels to Meals at the South Algonquin Cookhouse** in Harcourt - come out for a great meal! Reservations are required. Please call 457-2941.
- **Mar. 14, Mar. 21: Storytime! Wilberforce Public Library.** All children welcome.
- **Mar. 14: Thurs. 1-4 p.m., Checkers** at Home Support Drop-in Centre. 457-2941.
- **Mar. 15: St. Patrick's Day. Stew and Biscuit Luncheon.** Gentlemen of Song and Coopers. Friday, Mar. 15th at the Haliburton Legion, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Adults \$6.00, under 10 yrs. \$3.50. Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary Fundraiser.
- **Mar. 21: Haliburton 50+ Club** ... welcomes you to join us for a Pot-Luck Supper and to listen to a guest speaker. This will also be our annual election evening and we ask all members to attend. Doors open 4:30 p.m., dinner at 5:30 p.m. New members welcome. Members & Guests \$1.00 with your pot-luck contribution. If attending, please let Mary or Brian know by Tues. Mar. 19. Call 754-3319.
- **Mar. 21-22: St. George's Cantata Choir** with narrators, Sandy Hall and Rev. Christopher Greaves and organist/choir director, Bill Gliddon, present The Passion According to St. John. Thursday, Mar. 21, 7:30 p.m. at St. Margaret's, Wilberforce and Friday, Mar. 22, 7:30 p.m. at St. George's Haliburton. Admission by donation. No reserved seating.
- **Mar. 23: Spring Craft and Bake Sale** at Gooderham United Church, Sat., 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Mar. 23: 7 p.m. at Wilberforce Arena**, come out and enjoy the dream and magic of Disney with Monmouth Recreational Figure Skating Club's 2002 Skating Carnival.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editorial@haliburtonecho.on.ca, or brought in to the office.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events and in the Highlands.

Wilberforce students speak out to earn place in Zone finals

This week started off on Sunday with a Crib and Pool Tournament. In crib congratulations goes to Bob Hayward who placed 1st; Elaine Reddick who placed 2nd, Laurence Leedy who placed 3rd. Low game for men - Fred Daiton. Low game for Women - Betty Brett and low points Herb Reischl. Pool Tournament Round Robin congrats goes to winners. 1st place - Blane Sisson, 2nd place - Bud Friesman

community news

legion br. 624

Mel Smith
448-3840

A big congratulations to the ladies auxiliary dart team who placed second and will go on the district tournament in Uxbridge on April 6.

The Royal Canadian Legion has more than 1,600 branches in Canada and each year the Royal Canadian Legion Branches offer formal out-of-school Public Speaking competitions to the students of local schools. Students select their own topics and present their three to five minute speeches in the classroom. Selected students from each class then compete at the local Legion branches and then at the zone finals. Legions encourage students to take part in the competitions. Competitions such as this gives children and veterans a chance to work together and brings the generations together.

The students from Wilberforce E.S. presented their speeches on Wednesday, February 27th. Our President, Bonnie Jessup greeted the students and made them welcome. Time keepers Clair Loft and Shirley Finley kept track of the time and Judges Ed Loft, Jenny Carmichael and Cynthia Goodison had the hard work of judging the speeches. Finally scorekeepers Kathryn Wilson and Mike Goodison tallied up the results.

All speeches were very good but as in any competition someone is first. Nikole Watson came first with her speech on "Stars", Hollie Travis came 2nd with her speech on the "September 11th Incident"; Jarrett Donaldson came 3rd with his

speech on "Sharks" and Kristin Nicholson placed 4th with her speech on "Mummies".

Bonnie will be going to the school to give the students their contest and the Legion hopes that next year more children will take part in the competition. Our Zone F-5 Public Speaking Finals is Saturday, March 23 and will be hosted by Peterborough Branch 52. Registration takes place at 12 noon to 12:30 p.m. and speaking begins at 1:00 p.m. We wish Wilberforce E.S. finalists the best of luck!

Upcoming Events!

Friday, March 8: Legion Pot Luck and March Birthday Bash starting at 7:00 p.m. All welcome.

Sunday, March 10: Pool Tournament starting at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 10: 4th Annual Bud Farrel Fundraiser Euchre Tournament Branch 389 starting at 1:00 p.m. (Havelock/Belmont Branch)

Saturday, March 16: St. Patrick's Dance. D.J. Colleen Wilkinson. Starts at 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 16: 9th Annual Wild Game Dinner and Dance. Haliburton Legion \$45. per couple

Tuesday, March 19th: General Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 24: Open Crib Tournament starting at 1:00 p.m. \$5.00 entrance fee which includes lunch.

Don't Forget:

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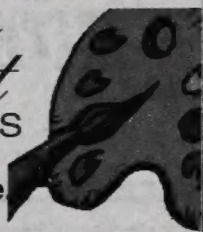
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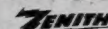
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THANK YOU to Home Care, V.O.N., Ambulance attendants, Haliburton Access Centre, Haliburton and Peterborough Civic Hospitals, Staff of Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, West Guilford Community Centre, neighbour Sarah, and for the cards and donations. Thank you from **Husband and families of Gladys (Peck) Bailey**.

THE FAMILY OF DALE HENRY would like to thank Dr. Bottum for all his support and caring for Dale at home during his battle with Cancer. The Access Centre and Quinn Thompson, the home nurse for all her visits. The Cancer drivers who drove Dale to all his appointments. The nursing staff, doctors and ambulance drivers of the Haliburton Hospital. The support from all our family and friends and to all who sent flowers and food in our time of need. The Haliburton Funeral Home for all their comfort and support. Pastor Paul Benson for the wonderful service and kind words for Dale. The Pall Bearers and also the West Guilford ladies, for a wonderful luncheon after Dale's funeral. A very special thank you to Dale's brother-in-law Jack Burke and brother Gord for being there for us, your help was greatly appreciated. Once again we thank you all for the support and being there for us. Thank you, **Johanna and family**.

WE WOULD LIKE TO Thank all of our family and friends for helping us this past week after the passing of our father and grandfather **Dennis Hunter**. Very special thanks to Uncle Craig, Lee, Tim and Allison, Kelly and Chris, and Mom and Jack for all their help with the house and our children. We really appreciate all you have done for us. We will miss him dearly. **Steven, Michelle, Gregg, Christie, Matthew, Lucas and Rebecca**.

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Haliburton Highlands Health Services meeting

Park location debated

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The following are brief reports from the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board meeting on Thursday. There was not a quorum so no formal decisions could be made.

Dysart et al council has told HHHS that it might have to consider building a tribute park on the lake side of the Haliburton facility instead of next to the long-term care wing as requested by HHHS.

Council feels it's not in the position to offer the land next to Highland Wood because it is already considering another development bid. (Haliburton doctors have talked of building a new medical centre next to the facility.)

"The municipality is not in a position to commit to any other development of the land at this time, until the prior request has been finalized," Dysart's administrator, Tammy McKelvey, says in a letter.

Much of the money for the tribute park comes from the \$13,000 in bequests and memorial gifts following the death of Donna Sutherland, who worked at HHHS's mental health centre.

A committee which includes people who made bequests will be established to look into the possibility of putting the park next to the lake.

Municipal water?

In response to a request from HHHS to look into the possibility of installing a municipal water system in Haliburton, Dysart has said it has not been successful in getting a provincial grant to do a study and without provincial help, "a project of this magnitude would not be feasible."

Dysart will, however, continue to make funding requests.

HHHS asked Dysart to consider a municipal water system after it was told it would cost an estimated \$120,000 to install a chlorination system at the Haliburton facility. (Minden already has town water.) The new system became necessary to meet new provincial guidelines in the wake of the Walkerton tragedy.

Highland Wood

CEO Foster Loucks is optimistic that the Ministry of Health will reconsider its decision to reduce the nursing portion of funding for the Haliburton long-term care facility by 15%.

The Ministry decided to make the cut after a one-day audit revealed that residents did not need as high a level of care as the facility was being funded for. But such a cut will put considerable stresses on the 30-bed facility so Loucks has been lobbying to convince the Ministry to take another look at the facility's funding needs.

Diabetes funding

Thanks to provincial funding, the HHHS's Diabetes Education Network will be able to reduce the number of people on its waiting list.

There are currently 400 people who have received help with such things as how to control their diabetes through lifestyle changes, but there are 200 others who want the same opportunity. HHHS hopes to be able to reach them, either through one-on-one consultations or in group settings.

CEO search

An offer has been made to one of the board's two top choices as new CEO to

replace Foster Loucks, who's retiring. An announcement on the successful candidate is expected soon.

The director of acute care nursing Lynne Johnston, was thanked for spending day with each of the two candidates taking them on a tour of facilities while board member Kim Stamp showed their spouses all the things the Highlands has to offer as a place to live and work. The candidates met with board members for lunch.

Hyland Crest

Electric wheelchairs may make it easier for residents to get around, but they sure are hard on drywall.

At Hyland Crest, one room has had to be re-drywalled because of all the nicks and dents caused by an errant wheelchair. Two other rooms are in dire need for a fix-up, too.

To avoid having to repeatedly overhaul each room, the HHHS is considering whether to spend \$1,200 on each room to coat the lower walls with a hard vinyl protection. That's on top of the cost of the new drywall.

It would cost an additional \$10,000 to provide the same treatment to the corridor walls on one floor.

There has yet to be the same problem at Highland Wood, where residents are more mobile, but it's expected it will eventually have to be addressed in Haliburton as well.

No smoking

There might be a small room for smokers at Hyland Crest, but the HHHS will likely support a health unit initiative to ban smoking in all public places in the Highlands, including bars and restaurants.

A board committee is recommending that the board send a letter to the health unit and county council endorsing the plan to reduce people's exposure to second hand smoke. Without a quorum, the board could not support the committee's motion, but that support is expected at the next board meeting.

Accreditation

A team of staff, board members and private citizens has been established to develop the HHHS's first accreditation process.

"Accreditation will represent an important milestone in our development as it sets a standard by which our health care facilities and programs are measured across the country," CEO Foster Loucks said in his presentation.

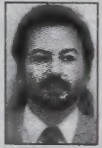
Union talks

Loucks has been unsuccessful in his bid to harmonize the two unions which represent staff: SEIU in Haliburton and part of the Minden facility and CUPE at Hyland Crest. His preference would be to have only one union represent all staff, but that vote can only take place if the current set up is shown to be dysfunctional.

Loucks suggested that if it wasn't possible to have all workers represented by one union, how about the unions representing various classifications of staff? This would have made it easier to have staff work at both sites, making the HHHS able to operate more efficiently and easily.

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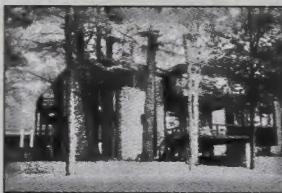
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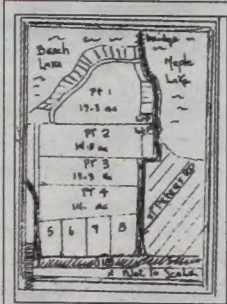
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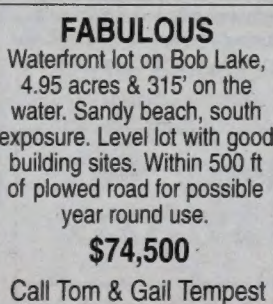
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**BIRCH BARK LAKE**

Beautiful 26 acre waterfront lot, 1175 feet frontage, only 8 cottages on the lake. Hydro & phone on the property, very private. A rare find.

\$119,900

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**BUILDING LOT ON PRESTIGIOUS- BIG REDSTONE LAKE**

182 ft sand and rock frontage. Expansive view with .91 acres. Well treed. Some fill required, existing deeded access at rear of property ideal for start of driveway

\$145,000

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**PICADILLY BAY BIG REDSTONE LAKE**

433' of varied shoreline incl shallow deep water swimming. Wonderful out-crop point at lakefront. Privacy plus with spectacular NW view.

\$174,900

Call Cathy Lancia

**TIS THE SEASON FOR CHALET LOTS**

Newest building lot available. Affordable \$\$ Backs onto year round stream. Near neighbours. Year round residents. Call for details.

\$25,000

Call Rosalind Bagg